IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

ASI, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 0:19-cv-00763

AQUAWOOD, LLC; BANZAI INTERNATIONAL LTD.; CHAN MING YIU a/k/a Samson Chan; CHAN SIU LUN a/k/a Alan Chan; DOLLAR EMPIRE LLC; BRIAN DUBINSKY; JUN TAI CO LTD.; JOHN ROBERT LEES, in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley Toys Ltd.; LIU YI MAN a/k/a LISA LIU; PETER MAGALHAES; MANLEY TOY DIRECT, LLC a/k/a Worldwide Toy Direct; MANLEY TOYS LIMITED; MGS INTERNATIONAL, LLC; MAT NG, in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley Toys Ltd.; PARK LANE SOLUTIONS LTD; RICHARD TOTH; TOY NETWORK, LLC; TOY QUEST LTD.; WELLMAX TRADING LTD.; WINNING INDUSTRIAL LTD., and; MICHAEL WU.

Defendants,

AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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Plaintiff ASI, Inc. ("Aviva") alleges as follows against Defendants Aquawood, LLC ("Aquawood"), Banzai International Limited ("Banzai International"), Chan Ming Yiu, a/k/a Samson Chan ("Samson Chan"), Chan Siu Lun, a/k/a Alan Chan ("Alan Chan"), Dollar Empire LLC ("Dollar Empire"), Brian Dubinsky ("Dubinsky"), Jun Tai Co. Ltd. ("Jun Tai"), John Robert Lees ("Lees"), in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley Toys Ltd., Liu Yi Man, a/k/a Lisa Liu ("Liu"), Peter Magalhaes ("Magalhaes"), Manley Toy Direct a/k/a Worldwide Toy Direct, LLC ("MTD"), Manley Toys Limited ("Manley"), MGS International, LLC ("MGS"), Mat Ng ("Ng"), in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley Toys Ltd., Park Lane Solutions Ltd. ("Park Lane"), Richard Toth ("Toth"), Toy Network, LLC ("Toy Network"), Toy Quest Ltd., Wellmax Trading Ltd. ("Wellmax"), Winning Industrial Ltd. ("Winning"), and Michael Wu ("Wu") (collectively, "Defendants").

INTRODUCTION

- 1. In 2013, Aviva obtained an \$8.5 million default judgment in this Court against Manley on a Lanham Act false advertising claim. In the Lanham Act case, Aviva alleged that it competed against Manley in the water toy market and that Manley engaged in false advertising by shrinking images of children depicted in promotional materials to make "Banzai" brand water slides appear larger than they were.
- 2. The Court entered a default judgment as a sanction for Manley's repeated violations of Court orders, describing Manley's misconduct as a "cautionary tale" about a company that "has intentionally disobeyed every Order, has never offered any viable

excuse for its willful conduct, and ... very clearly believes that compliance with the Orders of this Court is optional."

- 3. Aviva has collected almost nothing on that judgment, even though the same individuals who owned and worked for Manley (including several Defendants here) are still selling the same toys from the same facilities to the same retailers. Thanks to an extraordinarily brazen judgment evasion scheme involving the commission of numerous federal crimes by the Defendants, they are still selling thousands of tons of toys in the U.S. and still earning millions of dollars in profits per year.
- 4. Aviva is not the only victim of Defendants' judgment evasion scheme. In Iowa, Tammie Ackelson, Robin Drake, Heather Miller, Danielle Rennenger, and Ammee Roush (collectively, the "Iowa Claimants") obtained judgments totaling over \$2.4 million against MTD, Aquawood, and Toy Network. The Iowa Claimants won their judgments after proving that they had endured years of horrifying physical and verbal sexual harassment. They have not collected a single dollar on their judgments.
- 5. The efforts of Aviva and the Iowa Claimants to enforce their judgments have been stymied because Defendants are part of an international network of fraudsters and money launderers that has prevented creditors from identifying and seizing judgment debtors' assets.
- 6. Aviva refers to that criminal network as the "SLB Enterprise." The acronym "SLB" corresponds to the first names of the enterprise's founders, Samson Chan, Lisa Liu, and Brian Dubinsky, and hearkens back to one of their first companies.

That company—SLB Toys—was shut down and replaced with Aquawood after SLB Toys lost a lawsuit.

- 7. As detailed in this Complaint, the SLB Enterprise is an association of several individuals and several formally distinct entities. The SLB Enterprise uses a shifting web of interchangeable companies (the "SLB Companies") with shared trade names, addresses, accounts, personnel, and other resources to manufacture, import, market, distribute, and sell toys, electronics, and other products (the "SLB Products").
- 8. SLB Companies come and go, but the principal beneficial owners of the SLB Enterprise—Samson Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan (collectively, the "Principals")—have continued to sell the same SLB Products to the same customers using largely the same employees, facilities, and distribution channels, and the Principals have continued to earn enormous profits while paying virtually nothing to Aviva and the Iowa Claimants.
- 9. The rapid dissolution and substitution of companies is a hallmark of the SLB Enterprise—it happened in 2016 with both Manley and MTD, putting those companies' assets out of reach. Dubinsky bragged after a deposition in 2017 that he and his confederates always stay "one step ahead of' their creditors.
- 10. Evading judgments in this manner takes serious effort and planning. For Defendants' judgment evasion scheme to work, they had to commit or conspire to commit numerous federal crimes, including wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, obstruction of justice, and money laundering. As detailed below, Defendants' commission and conspiracy to commit those federal crimes violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt

Organizations Act, 18 USC § 1961, et seq. (the "RICO Act"). Defendants have succeeded in evading Aviva's and the Iowa Claimants' judgments by, among other things, hiding assets, lying about specific transactions, and concealing business activities.

- 11. In addition to committing and conspiring to commit fraud and obstruct justice, the Defendants abused the corporate form of many companies, shifting, hiding, and mislabeling assets so that Aviva and other judgment creditors would be unable to collect anything of value. As alleged below, the entity Defendants are really the alter egos of their ultimate beneficial owners, i.e., the Principals. The entity Defendants also are alter egos of each other. Corporate formalities have not been observed, companies have been undercapitalized or looted, and the corporate form has been used primarily to defraud judgment creditors.
- 12. Defendants also have made or caused to be made a massive number of fraudulent transfers to divert assets away from Manley to various other Defendants and, ultimately, the Principals.
- 13. Accordingly, Aviva seeks damages and injunctive relief against the Defendants for their violations of Section 1962(c) of the RICO Act, which makes it "unlawful for any person employed by or associated with any enterprise engaged in, or the activities of which affect, interstate or foreign commerce, to conduct or participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of such enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity or collection of unlawful debt."

- 14. Aviva also seeks damages and injunctive relief against the Defendants for their violations of Section 1962(d) of the RICO Act, which makes it "unlawful for any person to conspire to violate" section 1962(c).
- 15. Aviva also has asserted claims for fraud, abuse of process, and conspiracy to commit fraud and abuse of process.
- 16. In addition, Aviva also seeks declaratory relief in the form of an order holding various Defendants liable by virtue of their alter ego relationships. Aviva likewise seeks a judgment for the value of all assets fraudulently transferred until Aviva's judgment is fully paid.
- 17. Aviva should be made whole for the damage to its property (its judgment) caused by Defendants' brazen corruption and criminality, which should be stopped once and for all.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1964 and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because Plaintiff is asserting federal RICO Act claims.
- 19. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and the action is between citizens of different States and is an action in which citizens or subjects of a foreign state are additional parties.

- 20. This Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over Aviva's state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because the claims are so related to Aviva's federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy.
- 21. A substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims alleged in this action occurred in Minnesota.
- 22. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1965 and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this judicial district, there is no district where all Defendants reside, and at least one Defendant resides, is found, has an agent, or transacts its affairs in this judicial district.

PARTIES

23. Plaintiff ASI, Inc., f/k/a Aviva Sports, Inc. ("Aviva") is a Minnesota corporation with its principal place of business in Minnesota.

THE PRINCIPALS

- 24. Defendant Samson Chan is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong.

 He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 25. Defendant Lisa Liu is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong. She has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 26. Defendant Brian Dubinsky is a natural person and a resident of California.

 He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 27. Defendant Alan Chan is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.

28. Defendants Samson Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Principals."

THE EXECUTIVES

- 29. Defendant Richard Toth is a natural person and a resident of Iowa. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 30. Defendant Michael Wu is a natural person and resident of California. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 31. Defendants Toth and Wu collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Executives."

THE LIQUIDATORS

- 32. Defendant Ng is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong, and is sued in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley.
- 33. Defendant Lees is a natural person and a resident of Hong Kong, and is sued in his official capacity as Liquidator of and successor to Manley.
- 34. Defendants Ng and Lees collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Liquidators."

THE ENTITIES

35. Defendant Manley is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Manley also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.

- 36. Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Toy Quest Ltd. also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 37. Defendant Banzai International is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Banzai International also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 38. Defendant Park Lane is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Park Lane also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 39. Defendants Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and Park Lane collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Hong Kong Entities."
- 40. Defendant MTD is an Iowa company with its principal place of business in Iowa. MTD also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 41. Defendant Toy Network is an Iowa company with its principal place of business in Iowa. Toy Network also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota. Toy Network did not respond to the original complaint and is in default (*see* ECF 153).
- 42. Defendant MGS is an Iowa company with its principal place of business in Iowa. MGS also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.

- 43. Defendants MTD, Toy Network, and MGS collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Iowa Entities."
- 44. Defendant Aquawood is a California limited liability corporation with its principal place of business in California. Aquawood also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 45. Defendant Dollar Empire is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California. Dollar Empire also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 46. The Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities, the Iowa Entities, Aquawood, and Dollar Empire are collectively referred to in this Complaint as the "RICO Defendants."

THE CIVIL FRAUD, SHAM LITIGATION, AND CIVIL CONSPIRACY DEFENDANTS

- 47. Defendant Magalhaes is a natural person and resident of California. He has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 48. Defendant Jun Tai is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Jun Tai also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 49. Defendant Winning is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Winning also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.

- 50. Defendant Wellmax is a Hong Kong corporation with its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Wellmax also has done significant business in and/or directed significant activity toward Minnesota.
- 51. The Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities, MTD, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, and Magalhaes collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Civil Fraud Defendants."
- 52. The Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Jun Tai, Winning, and Wellmax collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Sham Litigation Defendants."

THE FRAUDULENT TRANSFER AND ALTER EGO DEFENDANTS

- 53. The Principals, the Hong Kong Entities, the Iowa Entities, Aquawood, Manley, and the Liquidators collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Alter Ego Defendants."
- 54. The Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities, the Iowa Entities, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, Wellmax, Magalhaes, Manley, and the Liquidators collectively are referred to in this Complaint as the "Fraudulent Transfer Defendants."
- 55. The following table identifies the claims being brought against each Defendant.

	Defendant	RICO	Civil Fraud	Sham Litigation/ Abuse of Process	Civil Conspiracy	Alter Ego	Fraudulent Transfer/ Aiding and Abetting Fraudulent Transfer
	Samson Chan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Principals	Liu	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
_	Dubinsky	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓
	Alan Chan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F	Toth	✓	✓		✓		✓
Executives	Wu	✓	✓		✓		✓
T :: 1-4	Ng				✓	✓	✓
Liquidators	Lees				✓	✓	✓
	Manley				✓	✓	✓
Hong	Toy Quest Ltd.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kong Entities	Banzai International	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Park Lane	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	MTD	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Iowa Entities	Toy Network	✓			✓	√	✓
	MGS	✓			✓	✓	✓
	Aquawood	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Dollar Empire	✓	✓		✓		✓
	Magalhaes		✓		✓		✓
	Jun Tai			✓	✓		
	Winning			✓	✓		
	Wellmax			✓	✓		✓

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- I. Overview of the Enterprise
 - A. The SLB Enterprise Spans Continents, Using a Network of Companies and Affiliates Built Up Over Decades.
- 56. Samson Chan, Lisa Liu, and Brian Dubinsky ran what they once described as the seventh-largest toy business in the world.
- 57. Beginning no later than 2006, Samson Chan's son Alan Chan also has helped run the business.
- 58. Those individuals and their companies manufacture, import, market, and sell seasonal play equipment (including "Banzai" brand water toys), electronics, and other SLB Products.
- 59. Those products have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue from U.S. sales. In some years, U.S. sales have totaled almost \$100 million, with more than 11,000 tons of imports. U.S. sales have accounted for the vast majority of sales of SLB Products.
 - 60. Most SLB Products are manufactured in mainland China.
- 61. The financial affairs of the companies are handled primarily out of Hong Kong and Los Angeles, at the direction of the Chans, Liu and Dubinsky.
- 62. Toy design, marketing, and promotions have been handled primarily out of Los Angeles under Dubinsky's supervision. He also has coordinated litigation for the companies.

- 63. Product distribution, warehousing, order fulfillment, customer service, and call center operations have been handled primarily out of Iowa, at the direction of the Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, and the Hong Kong Entities. Toth oversees Iowa operations on a day-to-day basis.
- 64. The Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, Aquawood, the Hong Kong Entities, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and later MGS oversaw, controlled and/or owned warehouses and call centers in Indianola and Des Moines, Iowa.
- 65. SLB Products were shipped from those Iowa facilities to retailers in many states, including Minnesota.
- 66. In the United States, SLB Products and associated revenue have flowed through a shifting series of companies that have been abruptly shut down and replaced as judgments have been entered against them.
- 67. In Hong Kong, the Chans, Liu, and occasionally Dubinsky operated for decades primarily through Manley, although they also directed the operations of companies in Iowa and California. More recently, they have used (among other Hong Kong entities) Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International. Manley stated in an insurance application that "Manley Toy Direct" was a trade name used by Manley and various Hong Kong affiliates.
- 68. Other affiliated companies in Hong Kong include Toy Box Ltd., Toy
 Network Hong Kong, Genesis Industries Ltd. ("Genesis"), Echo Technologies Asia
 Limited ("Echo Technologies"), Manley Fashion Direct Ltd. ("Manley Fashion"), and
 Defendant Wellmax. While those companies are organized under the laws of Hong

Kong, each has played a major role in business operations occurring in Iowa and California.

- 69. In Iowa, the companies have included Defendants MTD and Toy Network, which were replaced with Defendant MGS, as well as The Toy Warehouse LLC ("Toy Warehouse") and Toybox Unlimited LLC ("Toybox").
- 70. In California, the companies have included SLB Toys, which was replaced with Defendant Aquawood.
- 71. One or more of the Principals are believed to be the ultimate owners or financial beneficiaries of all of those companies.
- 72. The Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, Aquawood and the Hong Kong Entities have been involved in establishing, operating, overseeing, and using those operations and companies in Iowa and California.
- 73. The Chans, Liu, Dubinsky, Aquawood, and the Hong Kong Entities have sold or participated in the sale of SLB Products to customers specifically in Minnesota. For example, Target has been a major customer. When Manley procured liability insurance for itself and its various Hong Kong and U.S. affiliates, at least one policy named Target Corporation and Target.com as additional insureds, listing addresses in Minneapolis.
- 74. All of those U.S. and Hong Kong entity Defendants, along with others, have been used in furtherance of the SLB Enterprise.

- 75. Those companies also have failed to observe basic corporate formalities and have commingled funds. The finances of the companies are not kept, and have not been kept, separate from those of the Principals or Manley.
- 76. As lawsuits and judgments against the various companies mounted, new corporate entities emerged.
- 77. Manley began using the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." when conducting Manley business. A separate company called Toy Quest Ltd. then existed and still exists. (It is a Defendant here.) But for a period of time, Manley continued to operate, Manley employees continued to sell the same products to the same customers from the same offices, and Manley continued to receive payments from customers, even as Manley conducted most of its business using the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd."
- 78. That business practice changed in early 2016, when the Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky caused Manley to enter voluntary liquidation and shifted Manley's business almost completely to the company formally known as Toy Quest Ltd.
- 79. Soon thereafter, they shifted that business again, from Toy Quest Ltd. to the newly formed company Banzai International. While most of Manley's business ended up with Toy Quest Ltd. and then Banzai International, most of Manley's employees ended up working for Park Lane.
- 80. Similarly, in Iowa, as a result of the Iowa Claimants' sexual harassment judgments totaling over \$2.4 million, MTD and Toy Network were cast aside and replaced with MGS.

- 81. Those various changes had little effect on the retailers that buy products from the SLB Enterprise. The same people in Hong Kong, Iowa, and California are still selling and distributing the same toys, which still bear the same brand names, including "Toy Quest," "Banzai," and "Tekno." But for judgment creditors, the changes and related deceptions have made it virtually impossible to collect any money.
- 82. The SLB Enterprise's use of artifice, trickery, and shifting corporate entities have confounded creditors and courts alike. In Dubinsky's own self-incriminating words, the Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky have managed to stay "one step ahead" of the judgment creditors.
- 83. By 2016, enforcing judgments against Manley through ordinary judgment enforcement mechanisms (e.g., identifying assets and attaching them) had become impossible.
- 84. Staying "one step ahead" of judgment creditors requires substantial coordination—and criminal activity—by a network of individuals and companies located in Hong Kong, Iowa, and California. This Complaint refers to that network as the "SLB Enterprise" because, as noted, a company previously used by Defendants was SLB Toys, and the letters "S," "L," and "B" correspond to the first names of the individuals who got the enterprise up and running: Samson, Lisa, and Brian.
- 85. Using a shifting web of interchangeable trade names and companies with shared addresses, accounts, personnel, and other resources, the SLB Enterprise has made—and continues to make—millions of dollars a year, even as millions of dollars in judgments against SLB Companies go unpaid.

- 86. The SLB Enterprise consists of the "Principals," who are the individuals who control the SLB Enterprise; "Executives," who are individuals who play major roles in the SLB Enterprise; and various companies run by the Principals and Executives.
- 87. Defendants Samson Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan are the "Principals."
- 88. Defendants Toth and Wu are both "Executives." They are so named by virtue of their executive roles at MTD, MGS, and Toy Network (each of which was or is overseen by Toth in Iowa) and Dollar Empire (which is owned and overseen by Wu in California).
- 89. Toth has worked with the Principals for decades, serving their interests in Iowa and the United States since at least 2000.
- 90. Wu is Samson Chan's longtime friend and business partner and has maintained a commercial relationship with him for many years. The full extent of Wu's involvement in judgment-evasion activities is still unknown, but Wu became an active and integral participant in the SLB Enterprise no later than December 2015. Wu's company Dollar Empire has shipped massive quantities of SLB Products into Iowa, and helped conceal that those goods were being shipped to and from Iowa, all in furtherance of the SLB Enterprise.
- 91. Magalhaes is an Aquawood employee who conducts SLB Enterprise business. He has participated in efforts to divert Manley assets.

- 92. Wellmax, Jun Tai, and Winning are Hong Kong companies that have made frivolous and abusive litigation filings in U.S. courts to help the SLB Enterprise commit various frauds.
 - B. Unpaid Judgments Obtained by Aviva and the Iowa Claimants against SLB Companies
 - 1. Aviva
 - 93. Aviva has tried and failed to enforce its judgment against Manley.
- 94. In August 2013, this Court awarded Aviva a default judgment in the amount of \$8,588,931.59 against Manley on a false advertising claim brought under the Lanham Act.
- 95. Aviva, which competed against Manley in the market for inflatable water toys, alleged that Manley shrunk images of children depicted in its promotional materials to make "Banzai" brand water slides appear larger than they actually were.
- 96. The default judgment was entered against Manley after it launched a relentless campaign to obstruct discovery, hide and destroy evidence, and drive up costs, and blatantly defied at least seven court orders.
- 97. In January 2016, shortly before Manley entered bankruptcy, Aviva also obtained a default judgment in the Southern District of Iowa against MTD. MTD was held jointly and severally liable with Manley after MTD failed to answer garnishment interrogatories. Aviva's judgment against MTD recently was vacated for procedural reasons unrelated to the basis on which Aviva had requested entry of the judgment.
 - 98. Aviva has collected only around \$140,000 on its judgments.

2. Iowa Claimants

- 99. The Iowa Claimants (Tammie Ackelson, Robin Lynn Drake, Heather Miller, Danielle Rennenger, and Ammee Roush) were employed at the call center in Indianola. The women were customer service representatives responsible for fielding customer questions and complaints about SLB Products, especially "Toy Quest" and "Banzai" brand water toys.
- 100. Defendants' disregard for U.S. laws and corporate formalities attracted and was perpetuated by the call center supervisors, who subjected the Iowa Claimants to what one court described as an "outrageous and hostile work environment."
- 101. The call center supervisors relentlessly sexually harassed the Iowa Claimants by physically sexually assaulting them, propositioning them for sex, referring to them by vulgar sexualized slurs, asking them invasive sexual questions, sexualizing their underage children and grandchildren, boasting about the supervisors' alleged sexual exploits, and making other lewd and demeaning comments, noises, and gestures about the Iowa Claimants, their female colleagues, and female customers.
- 102. The Iowa Claimants also experienced severe sexual discrimination, with male employees receiving preferential hiring, treatment, and retention, while the women were told they had no value and yet were forced to do most of the work.
- 103. The Iowa Claimants obtained five separate judgments as a result of the extensive sexual harassment and discrimination they endured. Judgments were entered against Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, SLB Toys, and AW Computer Holdings, LLC

(the "Iowa Judgment Debtors"). Three of the five Iowa Judgment Debtors—Aquawood, MTD, and Toy Network—are Defendants here.

- 104. The Iowa Claimants have not been paid a penny on their over \$2.4 million in judgments.
 - 105. The Iowa Claimants' judgments are listed below:

Court	Matter	Prevailing Party	Judgment Debtors	Amount of Judgment	Date of Judgment
S.D. Iowa	Danielle Rennenger v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., et al., No. 4:10-cv-00400	Rennenger	 Aquawood (d/b/a ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	\$1,056,000	9/29/15 (judgment amended 7/13/16)
S.D. Iowa	Ammee Roush v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., et al., No. 4:10-cv-00401	Roush	 Aquawood (d/b/a ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	\$150,000	10/13/15
Iowa District Court in and for Warren County	Robin Lynn Drake & Heather Miller v. Manley Toy Direct, L.L.C., et al., No. LACV032931	Miller Drake	 Aquawood (d/b/a ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	\$150,000 \$150,000	9/15/16
Iowa District Court in and for Warren County	Tammie Ackelson v. Manley Toy Direct L.L.C., et al., No. LACV 032912	Ackelson	 Aquawood (d/b/a ToyQuest) MTD Toy Network SLB Toys AW Computer Holdings, LLC 	\$912,000	3/20/17

C. Who's Who in the SLB Enterprise

- 106. The Defendants who have appeared in this case so far can be divided into four primary groups based on choices they have made with respect to joint representation by counsel. Those choices generally but imperfectly correspond to the Defendants' places of primary residence:
 - The "Chan Defendants" are Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Toy Quest
 Ltd., Banzai International, and Park Lane—all being residents of Hong
 Kong.
 - The "Dubinsky Defendants" are Dubinsky and Aquawood—both being residents of California.
 - The "Toth Defendants" are Toth and MGS—both being residents of Iowa.
 - The "Wu Defendants" are Wu, Dollar Empire, and Wellmax. Wu and Dollar Empire are both residents of California. Wellmax is an SLB company located in Hong Kong; although it shares counsel with Wu and Dollar Empire, upon information and belief, Wellmax is actually affiliated with the Chan Defendants.
- 107. In addition, Aviva has amended its Complaint to add Manley and the Liquidators as Defendants.
- 108. Each group is described in detail below, along with MTD, Toy Network, Jun Tai, and Winning (none of which has appeared in this case).

1. The Chan Defendants: Samson Chan, Lisa Liu, Alan Chan, Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International

a. Samson Chan

- 109. Samson Chan is widely understood to be the "big boss" of the SLB Enterprise. He exercised control, directly or indirectly, over MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa; Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International in Hong Kong; Aquawood in Los Angeles; and the other SLB Companies.
- 110. To ensure control over those companies, Samson Chan and the other Principals have placed relatives and allies in leadership positions.
- 111. For example, Samson Chan's sister Chan Ngan Ngor served as "Manager" of Toy Quest Ltd. and his son Gary Chan is the director of several SLB Companies and has personally directed litigation on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd.
- 112. Until March 2016, Samson Chan was in charge of primary decision making at Manley. He served as its sole natural-person director from 2014 until March 2016, and was "Chairman & CEO."
- 113. Manley's business records demonstrate that Samson Chan's role in the company was not limited to a mere title. For example, Manley's general ledger covering July 2015 to March 2016 (when Manley initiated the liquidation process) contains dozens of entries with Samson Chan's name. Those entries show that Samson Chan was using Manley funds throughout that period to pay for many thousands of dollars of expenses, including travel once or twice a month to Los Angeles, Vancouver, and elsewhere; trips to inspect factories in China; meals with customers; miscellaneous other "entertainment"

expenses; fees for industry dinners; toy samples; clothing; medical expenses; and multiple credit cards.

- 114. Samson Chan likewise was heavily involved in the underlying litigation between Aviva and Manley. Multiple Manley attorney invoices were addressed to Samson Chan's attention. His name appears repeatedly throughout the invoices, including with respect to discovery-related issues such as litigation hold notices and responding to interrogatories and document requests.
- 115. Samson Chan is still a shareholder of Manley's immediate parent company, Teng Yue Holdings ("Teng Yue"), which is a British Virgin Islands company that is also the parent of nine other SLB Companies, including Toy Quest Ltd., Toy Box Ltd., Genesis, Echo Technologies, and Manley Fashion.
- 116. Samson Chan was also a director of Complex Trader Ltd. ("Complex Trader"), which Aquawood has identified as its parent company.
 - 117. Samson Chan also was a director of Defendant Wellmax.
- 118. Samson Chan, along with Liu, Dubinsky, and other members of the SLB Enterprise, regularly visited the SLB Enterprise's call center and warehouse in Indianola, Iowa to supervise the operations of MTD, Toy Network, and the other SLB Companies conducting business in Iowa, and they continue to exercise control over MGS's operations in Des Moines. Samson Chan personally exercised control over employment decisions and operations in Iowa during those visits.
- 119. On one particularly memorable occasion, after the Iowa Claimants' complaints no longer could be ignored because they had gone to the Iowa Civil Rights

Commission, Samson Chan and Liu flew to Iowa to terminate the call center supervisors responsible for the sexual harassment and sexual discrimination directed at the Iowa Claimants.

- 120. Samson Chan and Liu continued to visit Iowa on multiple occasions after firing the supervisors.
- 121. Samson Chan, along with Alan Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky, also orchestrated Manley's Hong Kong liquidation for the purpose of shutting down litigation against Manley in the District of Minnesota and other courts.

b. Alan Chan

- 122. Alan Chan is Samson Chan's son and is close to his father.
- 123. Alan Chan was educated in the United States and has spent extensive time in the United States.
- 124. Prior to March 2016, Alan Chan was Manley's "President." Alan Chan has identified himself as Manley's "Manager" in numerous court filings. His name, like Samson Chan's, also appeared throughout Manley's 2015-2016 general ledger.
- 125. In conjunction with Dubinsky, Alan Chan also directs litigation on behalf of Manley and other SLB Companies and has offered declarations and affidavits for cases in this and other courts. He repeatedly has been identified as the main person responsible for managing document searching and collection for SLB Companies.
- 126. For example, in the District of Minnesota case where Aviva obtained its judgment against Manley, Alan Chan was the person primarily responsible for gathering the documents produced in China in response to Aviva's pre-judgment document

requests. He made responsiveness determinations, managed the collection of documents, and shipped Manley documents from California to Hong Kong to drive up costs. This Court accordingly found that "Manley's counsel left the entire production to Manley employee Chan Siu Liu [aka Alan Chan]."

- payments to the Liquidators. He negotiated with the Liquidators, even though he was paying them. And he gave directions to the Liquidators. For example, he was a member of a liquidation "committee of inspection" that, according to a U.S. bankruptcy court filing by the Liquidators, directed the Liquidators to destroy Manley documents at the conclusion of Manley's liquidation.
- 128. Dubinsky has testified that he and Alan Chan coordinated Toy Quest Ltd.'s collection of documents relating to Toy Quest Ltd.'s efforts to seize funds that arguably belonged to Manley, in violation of the bankruptcy stay. Specifically, Dubinsky stated that Alan Chan had access to and ran searches across the entirety of Toy Quest Ltd.'s emails for all custodians to locate responsive documents.
- 129. Alan Chan now is a "manager" at Park Lane, where he continues to direct sales and imports by Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International in the United States.
- 130. Through his role with Park Lane, Alan Chan also coordinates activities with MGS, Aquawood, and Dollar Empire, arranging for shipments of SLB Products to Des Moines for storage, assembly, and distribution using Iowa facilities and personnel.

- 131. Alan Chan serves as the director for several SLB Companies and their affiliates, including five companies owned by SLB Company Manley Overseas Ltd.
- 132. Alan Chan also wired more than \$6 million from the building sale proceeds of the Indianola facility to Manley in Hong Kong, despite telling the Southern District of Iowa that Manley "did not own property in the United States or in the State of Iowa."

c. Lisa Liu

- 133. Liu is close to Samson Chan and has been an active participant in the SLB Enterprise for decades.
- 134. Liu purportedly became Manley's Managing Director in 2011. According to Samson Chan, Liu was in charge of Manley's day-to-day operations, and she retained that position until shortly before Manley's Hong Kong liquidation proceedings began. Samson Chan testified in 2017 that Liu had a "big responsibility" at Manley, including having to "manage the general tasks of the company daily," "give directions to the company," "make a lot of decisions" about "[b]usiness and policies for the company," and "set up the guidelines" for the company. Her name shows up frequently in Manley's 2015-16 general ledger.
 - 135. Liu worked with Dubinsky to destroy evidence sought by creditors.
 - 136. Liu also has supervisory and signing authority at Toy Quest Ltd.
 - 137. Liu has been a central participant in Manley's liquidation.
- 138. Liu now is a "managing director" at Park Lane, where she continues to direct sales and imports by Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International in Iowa

and elsewhere in the United States and has supervisory and signing authority for all of those companies.

- 139. Through her role with Park Lane, Liu also coordinates activities with MGS, Aquawood, and Dollar Empire, arranging for shipments of SLB Products to Des Moines for storage, assembly, and distribution using Iowa facilities and personnel.
- 140. She has visited Iowa on dozens of occasions with Samson Chan to oversee the operations of MTD, Toy Network, and MGS.
- 141. Liu also directed Toy Warehouse, which is the company that held title to the Indianola warehouse.
- 142. Toy Warehouse was founded as an Iowa LLC in 2000, but its initial principal place of business was 2228 Barry Avenue in Los Angeles—the same address used by Aquawood, SLB Toys, Toy Quest Ltd., and a host of other SLB Companies. It later moved its principal place of business to the Indianola facility at 1800 N. 9th Street.
- 143. While Manley was the "sole member" at the creation of Toy Warehouse, Manley transferred the entire capital account of Toy Warehouse to Samson Chan and Manley Overseas Ltd. in May 2002. Toy Warehouse's May 2002 operating agreement was signed by Liu as "Director" and by Samson Chan as "Member." Toth submitted filings for Toy Warehouse to the Iowa Secretary of State.

d. Toy Quest Ltd.

144. In China, the SLB Enterprise operates in Hong Kong, where the Chans, Liu, and SLB Companies such as Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Toy Network-HK, Manley Fashion, Toy Box Ltd., and Wellmax are based.

- 145. All of those companies have operated out of the same location, a building in the Kowloon district commonly known as "Manley Towers." The Chans and Liu all have worked out of Manley Towers, and Dubinsky, Toth, and Wu regularly travel to Hong Kong to meet with the Chans and Liu there.
- 146. The SLB Enterprise's U.S. revenues are generally transferred to Hong Kong banks, including Hang Seng Bank and HSBC Hong Kong.
- 147. Manley initially used Toy Quest Ltd.'s name and assistance to continue its operations in Iowa and elsewhere in the United States and to evade judgment creditors, including Aviva and the Iowa Claimants, who hold judgments against SLB Companies that transferred assets to Manley.
 - 148. "Toyquest" and "Toy Quest" were registered trademarks of Manley.
- 149. The Chans and Liu control Toy Quest Ltd. and direct substantially all of its activities with help from Dubinsky and Toth.
- 150. Dubinsky has served as the "litigation agent" for Toy Quest Ltd. and been integrally involved with its activities in the United States.
- 151. Although Toy Quest Ltd. had no employees, its directors and officers—including Alan Chan—offered declarations and affidavits in support of the Defendants' efforts to hide assets that belonged to or had been transferred to Manley.
- 152. At the direction of the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd. also hired lawyers to file a sham motion to intervene in this Court on behalf of Defendants Jun Tai and Winning.

- 153. When Manley entered liquidation in March 2016, Toy Quest Ltd. took over Manley's business, using Manley's former employees, now at Park Lane, to sell the same SLB Products to the same customers, using the same Iowa facilities and personnel.
- 154. Toy Quest Ltd.'s customers include Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, Toys "R" Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, Big Lots, and Costco, among others.
- 155. Toy Quest Ltd. worked with Dollar Empire and MGS to facilitate the shipment of goods to and through Iowa, with products routed to Des Moines to hide them from creditors, including Aviva and the Iowa Claimants.
- 156. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky are the ultimate beneficial and equitable owners of Toy Quest Ltd.
- 157. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky so dominate and control Toy Quest Ltd., and have so blurred the lines between themselves and Toy Quest Ltd., that Toy Quest Ltd. has an alter ego relationship with each of those individuals.

e. Banzai International

- 158. In late 2016, Toy Quest Ltd.'s assets purportedly were sold to a new company, Banzai International.
- 159. "Banzai" was a trademark of Manley, and "Banzai" had for many years been the name of the SLB Enterprise's leading toy line. Manley's deceptive advertising for its "Banzai" products formed the basis of the allegations in the lawsuit that led to Aviva's judgment against Manley.
- 160. Banzai's website, banzaifun.com, says that "Banzai has been making a big splash around the world for over 15 years," and that "Banzai first made waves in the toy

industry with the Original Banzai Falls Slide," a product that appears to have been introduced around 2006.

- 161. Banzai International purportedly had a separate address, away from Manley Towers.
- 162. But in fact, Manley's former employees continued to work for Park Lane at Manley Towers, in coordination with Aquawood and MGS, selling the same products to the same customers, using the same facilities and personnel in Iowa and elsewhere, in a scheme designed to evade judgment creditors such as Aviva.
- 163. To hide Banzai International's location in Hong Kong, shipments from Banzai International listed "601-603 Tai Nan West" as their address of origin instead of "828 Cheung Sha Wan Road." But in fact, Manley Towers sits at the intersection of Tai Nan West and Cheung Sha Wan Road; the employees never moved.
- 164. To hide Banzai International's location in Los Angeles, Banzai International changed its address on certain insurance documents from the Aquawood office address at 2229 Barry Avenue in Los Angeles to 1007 North Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite #66, in Manhattan Beach. The North Sepulveda address is actually an address for a branch of the United States Post Office, and there appear to be no "suites" in that building. However, that post office branch is a short drive from Dubinsky's Manhattan Beach home.
- 165. After taking over Toy Quest Ltd.'s business, Banzai International immediately entered into a sham "consignment" relationship with Dollar Empire in

California to conceal its operations. Dollar Empire falsely was listed as the importer of record for millions of dollars of SLB Products sold by Banzai International.

- 166. In reality, the goods were shipped to MGS in Iowa and other locations, then re-routed from there to the actual customers.
- 167. Banzai International continues to import SLB Products into Iowa and elsewhere in the United States in furtherance of the SLB Enterprise.
- 168. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky are the ultimate beneficial and equitable owners of Banzai International.
- 169. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky so dominate and control Banzai International, and have so blurred the lines between themselves and Banzai International, that Banzai International has an alter ego relationship with each of those individuals.

f. Park Lane

- 170. After Manley's liquidation, substantially all of Manley's employees—including Alan Chan and Lisa Liu—were "moved" into identical positions at Park Lane.
- 171. When those employees "moved" from Manley to Park Lane, they never left Manley Towers. They continued to perform the same tasks they had been performing all along.
- 172. The Chans, Liu, and possibly Dubinsky control Park Lane and direct substantially all of its activities.
- 173. Toth also handles some Park Lane activities in Iowa. For example, Park Lane is the administrator for toysinquiry.com, a website that was registered by Toth in Iowa that provides customer service and technical support for SLB Products.

- 174. Park Lane advertises itself through its website as "a full service supply chain solutions provider headquartered in Hong Kong. We provide product design, development, app design, digital content production, sales, sourcing, vendor compliance, quality assurance, and logistic services. We specialize in consumer products including toys, consumer electronics, décor, gifts, and novelties. Our clients are fast growing businesses in their respective industries."
- 175. Many of the "supply chain solutions," "sales," "sourcing," "vendor compliance," "quality assurance" and "logistical services" performed by Park Lane are performed in Iowa under Toth's day-to-day supervision.
 - 176. Park Lane's website also says that:
 - "We strategically source quality products from suppliers with the right capabilities to meet our customers' needs and bring consumers the goods they rely on."
 - "Our category experts work closely with customers to meet their needs using market research and trend forecasts."
 - "We turn ideas into reality through a series of brainstorming, designing, and prototyping. We embrace technology and think 'outside the box' for new ways to bring new products to market."
- 177. The functions described on Park Lane's website are the same functions performed by MGS and Aquawood.
- 178. Park's Lane website was registered using the email address admin@mgsgroupltd.com.

- 179. Park Lane's website lists as "Clients" Banzai International, MGS, Genesis, Echo Technologies, and Toy Box, among others.
- 180. Park Lane employees in Hong Kong coordinated imports of SLB Products into and through Iowa and elsewhere in the United States with employees of Aquawood, MGS, Dollar Empire, and other companies.
- 181. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky are the ultimate beneficial and equitable owners of Park Lane.
- 182. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky so dominate and control Park Lane, and have so blurred the lines between themselves and Park Lane, that Park Lane has an alter ego relationship with each of those individuals.
- 183. As of the filing of this Complaint, the Chan Defendants all are represented by common counsel.
 - 2. The Dubinsky Defendants: Brian Dubinsky, Peter Magalhaes, and Aquawood

a. Brian Dubinsky

- 184. Samson Chan hired Dubinsky more than 20 years ago as Manley's sole employee in the United States. As this Court found, Dubinsky has been "integrally involved with Manley and Toyquest" since he was hired by Samson Chan in 1997.
- 185. Several press releases on www.toyquest.com described Dubinsky as Manley's president, as well as president of "ToyQuest," "Toy Quest," "Manley ToyQuest," and Aquawood.

- 186. Dubinsky, Aquawood, Toy Quest Ltd., and other SLB Companies all have shared the Los Angeles address of 2228 or 2229 Barry Avenue in Los Angeles. MTD also used this address before moving to Iowa.
- 187. Dubinsky also registered websites for Genesis and Echo Technologies using the Barry Avenue street address and a Park Lane email address.
- 188. Dubinsky was the person who instructed the design team to miniaturize the images of children on the false Manley advertisements that violated the Lanham Act and led to the underlying lawsuit and Aviva's judgment.
- 189. Along with Samson Chan and Liu, Dubinsky visited the Indianola warehouse and call center to discuss Iowa operations with Toth. Dubinsky has worked closely with Toth for more than a decade.
- 190. Dubinsky has often acted as a "legal consulting agent," "litigation representative," and U.S. contact person for SLB Companies in U.S. litigation. He has coordinated litigation responses with, among others, Alan Chan.
- 191. Dubinsky has admitted that he has served as the "litigation agent" for Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. for almost 20 years. Dubinsky also served as litigation agent for Defendants Jun Tai and Winning when they filed the sham intervention motion in this Court.
- 192. Dubinsky's name appears hundreds of times in Manley lawyers' invoices for the District of Minnesota case in which Aviva obtained its judgment. The invoices show that Dubinsky frequently provided input on strategy, commented on filings and correspondence, worked on document discovery issues, and supplied factual information.

- 193. Dubinsky likewise has been involved in selecting counsel and developing legal strategy for Manley's liquidation, which was specifically intended to shut down Aviva's efforts to enforce its judgment.
- 194. Dubinsky has worked with Liu, Samson Chan, and others to destroy evidence sought by creditors.
 - 195. During a hearing in 2012, this Court observed that:

I have heard [counsel for Aviva] say again they have been unable to serve Mr. Dubinsky, who shows up over and over and over again on these papers. And in fact I can see in one of the letters that was submitted as an exhibit, he's blind copied.... a letter going to [counsel for Aviva], there is a blind copy going to Dubinsky. It is clear that counsel has a relationship with Mr. Dubinsky. He clearly has a role within ToyQuest and Aquawood. And I find it incredible to date he has managed to avoid service and hasn't been made available for deposition; but, that is a separate issue. But I have got to tell you, I have this feeling that Manley Toys, with Aquawood and ToyQuest, is doing everything they can to be avoid discovery here.

- 196. The Court likewise observed in 2013 that "obviously Mr. Dubinsky's name comes up right and left, has throughout this entire case."
- 197. Dubinsky has bragged about Defendants' successful efforts to evade judgments. On September 7, 2017, after being deposed in Los Angeles, Dubinsky declared to Aviva's counsel that Aviva had no chance of recovering anything of significant value from the Chans, their companies, or Dubinsky himself. He boasted that he, the Chans, and their various companies would always stay at least "one step ahead of" Aviva. He further explained that they are very adept at moving around assets and

business relationships so that its companies can continue selling products in the United States without having any assets seized.

198. As an example of the SLB Enterprise's skill at using corporate shells to hide the true source of their products, Dubinsky bragged about the enterprise's success in tricking Toys "R" Us ("TRU") into selling SLB Products even though TRU had decided to sever its business relationship with Manley, its affiliates, Dubinsky, and the Chans. Dubinsky boasted that by selling what he called "my toys" through an entity that appeared unrelated to Manley and the Principals, Dubinsky and the Chans were able to continue receiving money from TRU even though TRU would not willingly have done business with them.

b. Peter Magalhaes

- 199. Magalhaes is an employee of Aquawood and has identified himself as a General Manager and Senior Vice President of Epic Studios.
- 200. Press releases on www.toyquest.com describe Magalhaes as "vice president of business development for ToyQuest" and "General Manager of North America for The Manley Group."
- 201. Magalhaes has helped other SLB Companies, including Toy Quest Ltd. and SLB Toys, with their efforts to conduct business in the United States for many years.
- 202. In June 2016, after Manley initiated liquidation proceedings, Magalhaes demanded that the retailer Costco transfer funds owed to Manley from Manley's vendor account to Toy Quest Ltd.'s vendor account and release the funds to Toy Quest Ltd.

c. Aquawood

- 203. Aquawood is a California limited liability company that operates out of 2228 and 2229 Barry Avenue in Los Angeles. It performs design, branding, marketing, and distribution services for SLB Companies.
- 204. Aquawood has gone through several formal name changes and also has used several trade names. It now does business as "Epic Studios."
- 205. According to Dubinsky, Aquawood is Dubinsky's company and does not share common ownership with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.
- 206. Aquawood disclosed to a court in 2016 that it was a "subsidiary" of Complex Trader. Complex Trader is a Hong Kong company. Samson Chan was a director of Complex Trader and signed some of its corporate filings. Complex Trader is currently owned by Chengda Holdings Limited, which is a British Virgin Islands company that owns other SLB Companies.
- 207. While the precise details of Aquawood's ownership are not yet clear to Aviva, there have been extremely close relationships among Aquawood and many other SLB Companies, including Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, MTD, and MGS.
- 208. This Court ruled in January 2012 that Aquawood documents had to be considered as, and produced to the same extent as, Manley documents.
 - 209. Aquawood also was insured under Manley's insurance policy.

- 210. Aquawood handled the logistics for the www.toyquest.com website, which sold "Banzai" brand water toys for many years, as well as the website that replaced it, banzaifun.com.
- 211. Aquawood's own website has identified (among other SLB Companies)
 Banzai International, Genesis, and Toy Box as its business partners, using the same
 images as the Park Lane website to identify the companies.
- 212. Aquawood's website also has contained a video that appears to show children playing with Banzai and Tekno toys, as well as other SLB Products. The website also contains a video that flashes the "Banzai" logo at the beginning, and shows people in "Banzai" t-shirts hosting an outdoor event involving "Banzai" water toys, including a Banzai Sidewinder Falls slide, which has been advertised on Banzai International's website and has had an instruction manual on toysinquiry.com identifying the slide as a Toy Quest Ltd. product.
- 213. In addition, Aquawood's website has identified Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, Bed Bath & Beyond, Big Lots, and Costco as its customers, among others. Those are the same customers to which Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and the Iowa Entities sold SLB Products.
- 214. Aquawood's employees coordinated the importing of SLB Products into the United States with Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Dollar Empire, MTD, MGS, and other companies. Iowa-based employees have used Aquawood email addresses to do so.

- 215. Many of the SLB Products imported with Aquawood's assistance were routed to Iowa, where MGS employees then re-routed them to customers in Minnesota and elsewhere in the United States, often at the direction of Aquawood and the Hong Kong Entities. Aquawood used MGS, and MGS's Iowa facilities, to conceal the ultimate destination of SLB Products in the United States.
- 216. As of the filing of this Complaint, the Dubinsky Defendants were represented by common counsel.

3. The Toth Defendants: Richard Toth and MGS

a. Richard Toth

- 217. While Samson Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky all travelled to Iowa to supervise the operations of the SLB Enterprise, Toth is the only individual Defendant who lives in Iowa.
- 218. Toth has overseen for decades the day-to-day operations of several SLB Companies directly or indirectly owned by the Chans, Liu, and/or Dubinsky, including MGS, Toy Network, MTD, Toy Box, and Toy Warehouse. He also has carried out tasks in Iowa on behalf of other SLB Companies, including Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, and Aquawood.
- 219. Toth and his companies provide centrally located warehouses and employees in Iowa so that SLB Products can be routed for delivery to customers throughout the country, including Target, Wal-Mart, and other retailers.

¹ MTD and Toy Network are Iowa companies that are also Defendants here, but they are not listed as "Toth Defendants" because, unlike MGS, they do not share counsel with Toth in the pending RICO cases.

- 220. Toth was hired by Samson Chan at least 20 years ago. He reports to Samson Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky.
- 221. From approximately 2000 until at least 2015, Toth served as the President of MTD.
- 222. Toth also was listed as the President, General Manager, principal officer and registered agent for Toy Network.
- 223. Toth now describes himself as the General Manager of MGS and the President of "Toy Box."
- 224. The companies overseen by Toth generally have operated out of a building located at 1800 N. 9th Street in Indianola, Iowa and then out of a building located at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines. MGS has now moved to 301 S.E. 8th Street in Des Moines.
- 225. The building at the Indianola address was a 260,000 square foot warehouse for many SLB Products. The space was also used as a call center for customer service regarding SLB products. Dozens of people worked at the Indianola facility.
- 226. The Indianola call center is where the Iowa Claimants were subjected to the sickening sexual harassment that led to their unpaid judgments, including physical sexual acts and sexually coercive comments and questions.
- 227. More than ten years later, in 2015, MTD and Toy Network moved to a rented warehouse facility at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. MGS, which was formed in 2015, initially operated out of the same address.

- 228. Sometime in 2017 or 2018, after MTD and Toy Network had been shut down and replaced by MGS, MGS moved to yet another rented warehouse facility in Des Moines, located at 301 S.E. 8th Street.
- 229. Under Toth's direction, SLB Products have been shipped from the Iowa facilities throughout the United States, including to Minnesota.
- 230. While the Principals kept shifting their Hong Kong and Iowa operations from company to company to company, the movement of SLB Products has remained largely the same. Thousands of tons of "Banzai" brand and other SLB Products continue to flow from Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and Banzai International in Hong Kong; through warehouses run by MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa; to retailers like Target and Wal-Mart across the country.
- 231. The Iowa companies run by Toth have had somewhat fragmented and confusing corporate structures, but the Iowa employees all understood that they were working for the benefit of the Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky.
- 232. The Iowa staff, including the Iowa Claimants, handled customer service calls for "Toy Quest" and "Banzai" products, including those stored in the Indianola warehouse.
- 233. Most of the Iowa employees understood themselves to be employees of a Hong Kong-based toy enterprise that Samson Chan owned and operated with the assistance of Liu, Dubinsky, and various U.S.-based SLB Companies.
- 234. The Iowa employees also understood Toth to have authority over them, the call center supervisors, and the other Iowa employees.

- 235. Iowa employees referred to Dubinsky's offices on Barry Avenue in Los Angeles as "California" or "corporate." They referred to the companies based overseas as "Hong Kong."
- 236. Toth was understood by Iowa employees to report to and collaborate with both "California" and "Hong Kong."
- 237. In recent years, Toth has described himself as working for Dubinsky's company, Aquawood. For a period of time, Toth's wife also worked for an SLB Company and reported to Dubinsky. Toth still does business under the name "Epic Studios," which is one of Aquawood's trade names.
- 238. The Principals and Hong Kong Entities treat the Iowa facilities and personnel as belonging to the Hong Kong Entities.
- 239. Park Lane employees, including Anthony Cheng and Yolinda Wong, repeatedly have referred to "our IA warehouse" and "our Iowa warehouse" in discussions with customers and third-party facilitators. In February 2017, Cheng explained that Park Lane and/or Banzai International had "some goods available in domestic warehouse in Iowa."
- 240. The Park Lane employees were acting simultaneously on behalf of Park Lane, Toy Quest Ltd., and Banzai International in their interactions involving the Iowa warehouses. The divisions among those Hong Kong Entities are intentionally blurred.
- 241. An example of Park Lane acting on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International in connection with an Iowa transaction can be seen in an email that Yolinda Wong of Park Lane sent to a customer in October 2016. In that email, she asks the

customer to change its banking information from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International.

Toy Quest Ltd.'s information literally was crossed out on the invoice, with Banzai

International's information written above it.

- 242. In addition, representatives of the Iowa Entities, Aquawood, and Dollar Empire regularly communicate with and take instruction from representatives of Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and Park Lane. A mix of representatives from all those companies, whose precise affiliations are often deliberately unclear, coordinate with third-party facilitators and customers regarding SLB Products to be shipped to Iowa, SLB Products available in Iowa, and SLB Products to be delivered from Iowa.
- 243. Invoices and communications throughout 2016, 2017, and 2018 described "Banzai" brand water toys from Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International as being "FOB Iowa."
- 244. In that same timeframe, many SLB Products, including "Banzai" brand water toys, were listed for "pickup" in Iowa.
- 245. Multiple Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International invoices from 2016 to 2018 that were obtained from a shipping company likewise identify Des Moines as the ultimate destination of "Banzai" brand water toys and other SLB Products.
- 246. In July 2019, a television news crew visited MGS's new headquarters in July 2019 and attempted to interview the employees there. The employees refused to answer any questions.
- 247. The news crew filmed a FedEx truck making a delivery to MGS's new headquarters in Des Moines. The truck was full of "Banzai" brand water toys from the

Hong Kong Entities, including boxes labeled as Banzai Battle Blast Adventure Park. The Banzai Battle Blast Adventure Park is advertised on Banzai's website, and its instruction manual identifies the product as a Toy Quest product.

- 248. While the news crew was present, a second truck pulled in to make deliveries. That truck sped off fifteen minutes later with its load still inside and undelivered when MGS employees noticed the film crew and told the truck to leave. These furtive actions show consciousness of guilt, as Defendants continue to seek to hide their actions from the eyes of creditors.
- 249. The Hong Kong Entities also have used the call center in Iowa to provide customer service and product support for their SLB Products, especially their "Banzai" brand water toys.
- 250. Instruction manuals for SLB Products used to state expressly that the customer service center was located at the Indianola facility, and gave an 800 number to call.
- 251. For years, however, the packaging, instruction manuals, and websites for virtually all "Banzai" brand water toys, as well as other SLB Products like "Tekno" electronics, no longer specify that the call center is in Iowa and instead direct consumers to contact "consumerservice@toysinquiry.com" or the same 800 number with any questions or comments.
- 252. Toys Inquiry provides customer service and technical support for SLB Products. It has done so in coordination with Park Lane for "Banzai" brand products sold

(or purportedly sold) by Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Banzai International, among other SLB Companies.

- 253. The website toysinquiry.com is full of instruction manuals for SLB Products, most of which identify the products as Toy Quest Ltd. products. Those same products are now being imported by Banzai International, with assistance from Park Lane.
- 254. Although Defendants have tried to mask the connection between Toys Inquiry and Iowa, Toth registered the website "toysinquiry.com" using the physical address of the Indianola facility and the Park Lane email address admin@pls.com.hk.
- 255. As recently as June 2020, a consumer filed a Better Business Bureau complaint against "Toys Inquiry." The consumer reported that he or she had purchased the Banzai Speed Slide Water Park and the seams had come apart. Toys Inquiry responded by refusing a refund, and gave its address as 301 S.E. 8th Street, Des Moines, which is MGS's new address.
- 256. Though the physical addresses for Toys Inquiry have been Iowa addresses, the email address associated with the website toysinquiry.com is a Park Lane email address—admin@pls.com.hk.

b. MGS

- 257. MGS is an Iowa limited liability company that currently operates at 301 S.E. 8th Street in Des Moines.
- 258. As described above, Toys Inquiry is now giving that address in Des Moines as its address.

- 259. MGS was created in early 2015 to serve as the successor to MTD and Toy Network, taking over the business of those entities in anticipation of the Iowa Claimants' judgments being entered against MTD and Toy Network.
- 260. MGS is the latest Iowa entrant in a shell game that an Iowa appellate court has described as "corporate entity three card monte."
- 261. MGS's initial workforce consisted of former employees of MTD or Toy Network, and MGS initially operated out of a warehouse at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines that was used for shipments to MTD.
- 262. MGS employees work closely with Park Lane and Aquawood; indeed, MGS employees use "@epic-studios.com" email addresses while carrying out the orders of Dubinsky and Aquawood regarding receiving, processing, and distributing SLB Products in Iowa. As noted, "Epic Studios" is a trade name for Aquawood.
- 263. According to its website, MGS operates not only in Iowa but also in the locations where other SLB Companies can be found, thereby blurring the lines between the activities of MGS in Iowa and the activities of other companies in California and Hong Kong:

In LA: We are a design and innovation agency focused on hyper trend reporting and development.

In Asia: We are a dynamic execution focused sourcing organization that has produced over 1 billion units to America's top retailers.

Together: We collaborate for kick-ass work that fuels great selling products for our clients.

- 264. The website goes on to say that MGS's "departments around the world are the pulse of the company," and lists those departments as "innovators," "artists," "product managers," "operations," "quality assurance," and "logistics."
- 265. MGS's website also says "we do the research to support the idea and the retails," and "We are embedded and work as an extended arm of our client's internal merchant teams."
- 266. The functions described on MGS's website are the same functions performed by Park Lane and Aquawood, and include shipping SLB Products to Minnesota and throughout the United States.
- 267. MGS's website also states "we manufacture great product for the world's largest retailers," and explicitly calls out the retailers Target, Amazon, Kmart, Toys "R" Us, and Wal-Mart as MGS's "partners."
- 268. MGS receives shipments of SLB Products from Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, Banzai International, and Dollar Empire, and then works with those companies to send those products to customers across the country, in an effort to hide the actual parties to transactions involving SLB Products.
- 269. MGS is providing the customer service and technical support roles previously filled by MTD and Toy Network.
- 270. Upon information and belief, the Principals and Toth have not adequately capitalized MGS.
- 271. As of the filing of this Complaint, the two Toth Defendants were represented by common counsel.

- 4. The Wu Defendants: Michael Wu, Dollar Empire, and Wellmax
- 272. Wu is Samson Chan's friend and business associate.
- 273. Wu lives in California, where he owns and operates Dollar Empire. Wu is also the President of Dollar Empire.
- 274. Dollar Empire's office is located at 4423 E. Bandini Boulevard in Vernon, California. Its warehouse and showroom are located next door at 4425 E. Bandini Boulevard.
- 275. Wu and Dollar Empire have been linked to the SLB Enterprise for twenty years.
- 276. In 2000, Samson Chan registered Manley Toy Quest LLC as a California LLC. Its principal place of business was at the same address as Dollar Empire's warehouse and showroom—4425 E. Bandini Blvd. Samson Chan was the CEO of Manley Toy Quest LLC, and Liu was a member. Manley Toy Quest LLC dissolved in 2002, after moving its principal place of business to the Barry Avenue address in Los Angeles.
- 277. At Samson Chan's direction, Wu caused Dollar Empire to "import" and/or "purchase" (or at least say that it imported and/or purchased) tons of SLB Products; store (or at least say it stored) tons of SLB Products; and allow itself to be designated as a sham "consignee" and "importer of record" for tons of SLB Products.
- 278. Wu and Dollar Empire played a major role in the transfer of Manley's assets out of the United States to Toy Quest Ltd. and/or Banzai International, in violation of the bankruptcy stay applicable to Manley's assets.

- 279. With Wu's knowledge and with Dollar Empire's assistance, many of the SLB Products "sold" or "consigned" to Dollar Empire were actually shipped to Iowa, where they were then sent on to retailers or other distributors, all using Iowa facilities and personnel. Other SLB Products "sold" or "consigned" to Dollar Empire were sent directly to retailers or other distributors.
- 280. By cooperating in the submission of fraudulent entry documents and otherwise hiding the participants in the distribution chain, Wu and Dollar Empire played a major role in concealing millions of dollars in goods and cash from Aviva and the Iowa Claimants that they could have attempted to attach or seize.
- 281. Apart from the fact that each of the Wu Defendants has helped the SLB Enterprise evade judgments, Aviva is not aware of another connection between Wellmax and Wu.
- 282. Wellmax operated out of Manley's building in Hong Kong and Samson Chan was one of Wellmax's directors.
- 283. As of the filing of this Complaint, the Wu Defendants were represented by common counsel.

5. Manley and the Liquidators

- 284. Manley was the SLB Enterprise's flagship company for decades.
- 285. Manley was founded in Hong Kong by Samson Chan in 1986.
- 286. Over the next thirty years, Manley generated hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. revenue by selling SLB Products to U.S. distributors and retailers.

- 287. After Aviva's judgment was entered, Manley switched from using its own name to using its trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." to conduct Manley business. The company Toy Quest Ltd. then started demanding payment of money that was actually owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name.
- 288. By early 2016, Manley's role in the fraudulent transfer of its assets to Toy Quest Ltd. was nearly complete and this Court was on the verge of imposing an import ban on all "Banzai" products as a sanction for Manley's litigation misconduct.
- 289. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky decided to liquidate Manley in Hong Kong and initiate chapter 15 bankruptcy proceedings in the United States.
 - 290. Ng and Lees were appointed as Manley's liquidators in March 2016.
- 291. Ng and Lees were selected and have been paid by Toy Quest Ltd., at the direction of the Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky.
- 292. Ng and Lees initiated a chapter 15 bankruptcy proceeding in the District of New Jersey. They sought and obtained a bankruptcy stay of all U.S. litigation involving Manley, including litigation in this Court. The bankruptcy stay is still in place as of the filing of this Complaint, although Aviva has been granted various forms of stay relief. In 2021, Aviva was granted permission to assert alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims that previously could be asserted only by the Liquidators, and Aviva was granted permission to name Manley and the Liquidators as Defendants.
- 293. Ng and Lees are still acting as Manley's liquidators in the bankruptcy proceeding, at least for some purposes.

- 294. At the time they were appointed, Ng and Lees worked for JLA Asia Limited. JLA Asia Limited merged into Ernst & Young in January 2019.
 - 295. Ernst & Young retains possession of many of Manley's documents.

6. MTD and Toy Network

- 296. MTD and Toy Network have not appeared in this action through counsel.²
- 297. MTD and Toy Network are Iowa limited liability companies. They both have played key roles in the SLB Enterprise. They purportedly have stopped doing business and have been replaced by MGS.
- 298. MTD, however, has continued to litigate, including in the Southern District of Iowa, where MTD attempted to vacate Aviva's judgment against it. Upon information and belief, one or more of the Hong Kong Entities is paying MTD's legal bills.
 - 299. Samson Chan and Liu were the sole owners of MTD.
- 300. At the direction of Samson Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky, Toth formed MTD in Iowa in 2002.
- 301. MTD initially was located at the same Los Angeles address used by Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and Dubinsky, before moving to Iowa.
- 302. MTD began operating from 1800 N. 9th Street in Indianola no later than January 2002, when the property was purchased by Toy Warehouse. Toy Network, which Toth formed in Iowa in 2001, was located at the same address. MTD remained at that address until 2015.

² MTD was deemed served through service on Toth's counsel, pursuant to an order of this Court (ECF 155). Toy Network was served through its registered agent and is in default (ECF 24, 153).

- 303. Subsequently, MTD also received shipments in its name or did other business at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines.
- 304. A year or two earlier, the Principals and Toth had transferred MTD's assets and business operations to Toy Network. Thus, if MTD was operating at 700 New York Avenue, Toy Network almost certainly would have been operating there too.
- 305. The Principals and Toth also conducted MTD's business through Toy Box, as well as through one or more SLB Companies using "Toy Box" as a trade name.
- 306. When the Iowa Claimants worked for MTD and Toy Network, Ms.

 Ackelson reported both to Toth and to Herman Haas, who often visited Iowa but was based in Hong Kong. Haas said that Samson Chan was his boss, and used a ToyQuest.com email address.
- 307. Ms. Ackelson talked on the telephone with Haas on a regular basis, at least once or twice per week, about the SLB Enterprise's operation in Iowa and also sent him periodic reports about MTD and Toy Network. Haas would make decisions and issue directives about the Iowa Entities' business.
- 308. Haas said the SLB Products sold out of Indianola were made by Manley and sold by Toy Quest Ltd., both of which were owned by Samson Chan.
- 309. The Principals and Toth did not adequately capitalize MTD and Toy
 Network and funded them strictly on an as-needed basis so they could continue
 performing their centralized distribution and customer service functions for the SLB
 Enterprise.

- 310. Through Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., the Principals paid MTD for expenses including rent, payroll, accounting, storage, and shipping and handling fees.
- 311. MTD in turn often paid other SLB Companies, including Toy Network and Toy Warehouse, for the same expenses.
- 312. MTD, Toy Network, and Toy Warehouse also shared employees, the "manleytoy.com" website, and customers.
- 313. Such arrangements to share resources and business opportunities generally were made without written agreements.
- 314. The rent paid to Toy Warehouse went directly to Hong Kong bank accounts controlled by Manley.
- 315. In addition to purchasing, storing, and distributing SLB Products, MTD allowed itself to be designated as a recipient or "consignee" of SLB Products and serve as the importer of record, thereby masking the actual purchasers of the products.
- 316. MTD continued to perform this function even after it allegedly had ceased doing business.
- 317. Cash flow generated by MTD, Toy Network, and other SLB Companies in Iowa generally went back to Hong Kong.

7. Jun Tai and Winning

- 318. Jun Tai and Winning are purported affiliates of Manley.
- 319. Jun Tai and Winning unsuccessfully moved to intervene in Aviva's Lanham Act lawsuit after Aviva moved for monetary and injunctive sanctions for Manley's violation of this Court's order to respond to Aviva's post-judgment discovery.

- 320. Aviva has been unable to locate Jun Tai and Winning to serve them with the Complaint in this matter. Even though Toy Quest Ltd. hired and paid for their lawyer and Dubinsky served as their litigation agent, Toy Quest Ltd. and Dubinsky claim they have no documents containing contact information for Jun Tai and Winning.
- II. Defendants Have Cheated Aviva and Other Judgment Creditors through a Massive Web of Lies, Deceptions, and Corporate Abuses.
 - A. Defendants Have Concealed and Destroyed Evidence to Keep It Away from Judgment Creditors Like Aviva.
 - 1. Courts in Minnesota and Elsewhere Have Concluded that Defendants Hide Information to Evade U.S. Judgments.
- 321. As discussed above, Aviva has pursued expansive discovery to obtain information about the SLB Companies' operations and assets. The Iowa Claimants likewise have sought considerable discovery on similar topics.
- 322. These efforts have met with very limited success, because the Defendants have attempted to block discovery at every turn. Among other tactics, the Defendants have refused to answer discovery; filed meritless motions to quash nonparty subpoenas; claimed that key individuals, entities, and documents are in Hong Kong and thus outside the reach of U.S. courts; created entirely new companies to take possession of and conceal documents; and used Manley's liquidation proceedings to render other key documents inaccessible.
- 323. Even when the Defendants were forced to provide discovery, they frequently lied in their responses and improperly withheld documents and information.

- 324. According to the Liquidators, the Chan Defendants took control of many Manley documents and refused to give them to the Liquidators or Manley creditors. In addition, according to the Liquidators, certain members of the "committee of inspection" for the liquidation (e.g., Toy Quest Ltd.) directed the Liquidators to destroy the Manley documents that had been turned over to the Liquidators at the conclusion of the liquidation.
- 325. It took years of diligent investigation after its judgment against Manley was entered for Aviva to gather enough information to realize that it was the victim of a RICO judgment evasion scheme and to file this Complaint.
- 326. Many of the details of the Defendants' fraudulent scheme still are unknown to Aviva.
- 327. Defendants' criminal judgment evasion effort cannot be explained away as mere mistakes, sloppiness in record keeping, aggressive litigation tactics, or some sort of string of unfortunate business failures. Defendants plainly understood the impact that their misconduct would have on Aviva and other judgment creditors, as shown by their prior behavior and courts' responses to it.
- 328. Defendants' litigation misconduct has resulting in a series of scathing rulings by this Court and courts in Iowa.

a. Rulings in Aviva's Case in the District of Minnesota

329. Aviva's default judgment against Manley was itself the result of Manley's violations of numerous discovery orders. This Court (Mayeron, J.) described Manley's misconduct as a "cautionary tale" about a company that "has intentionally disobeyed

every Order, has never offered any viable excuse for its willful conduct, and ... very clearly believes that compliance with the Orders of this Court is optional." *Aviva Sports Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Marketing*, 2013 WL 449775, at *1, 17 (D. Minn. Jan. 8, 2013).

- 330. Such misconduct included refusing to provide discovery responses and documents despite multiple orders compelling production, failing to pay sanctions awards, a willful effort to multiply the costs of discovery by intentionally producing non-responsive documents that cost Aviva more than \$500,000 to copy and translate, and improperly shipping documents from California to China to drive up Aviva's costs, hide documents, or both. *See Aviva Sports*, 2013 WL 449775, at *5, *7, *33.
- 331. This Court (Ericksen, J. & Mayeron, J.) found many of the Defendants here, including Dubinsky, Samson Chan, and Alan Chan, responsible for Manley's misconduct. *See* ECF 722, 737, 822, *Aviva Sports, Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Mktg, Inc.*, No. 0:09-cv-1091 (D. Minn.) (*Aviva I*).
- 332. The Court (Ericksen, J.) noted that "the record contains alarming evidence of Dubinsky's deceptive attempts to avoid and thwart litigation—including evidence suggesting evasion of service of process and encouraging the intentional destruction and falsification of documents." ECF 822 at 8 n.8, *Aviva I*.
- 333. The Court also found no "meaningful distinction" among Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood, and that Dubinsky and Samson Chan played key roles in those companies. That ruling was issued when the court accepted Aviva's argument that the conduct of U.S.-based advertising designers working under Dubinsky should be

attributed to Manley, even though Manley asserted that designers Rachel Harris and Peter Kallemeyn were merely employees of Aquawood:

Manley has previously attempted to diminish the value of Harris's and Kallemeyn's testimony by asserting that they are not Manley employees, but rather employees of an entity known as Aquawood. Harris, however, testified that she worked for Manley, Toyquest or possibly Aquawood—using the names interchangeably. Kallemeyn believed he worked for Toyquest, but that Toyquest was owned by Manley. Kallemeyn explained that the employees "didn't have a full understanding of what was ... really going on with all the different names and such." Kallemeyn Dep. 93:14-17. It is evident that not even the employees of the company were aware of any meaningful distinction between the various Nor does there appear to be any meaningful distinction. For example, some documents identify Samson Chan as the president of Manley, while others identify Mr. Chan as the president of Toyquest. Other documents. however, identify an individual named Brian Dubinsky as the president of Manley, while yet others identify Mr. Dubinsky as the president of Toyquest. Dubinsky stated in one of his declarations that "ToyQuest is a d/b/a of Aquawood." Dubinsky Decl. ¶ 2 (ECF No. 134). But Aviva has shown, and this Court has already determined, that Toyquest is actually a division of Manley. See, e.g., November 24, 2010 Order (ECF No. 250). Manley owns the Toyquest mark and included images of Banzai products to support its trademark application. Manley and Toyquest have also provided on numerous occasions identical addresses in California and in China, and appear to even be insured under the same insurance policy (as is Aquawood). The record also suggests that Aquawood's sole source of financing is Manley in China: Manley pays Aquawood's bills.

Id. at 7-8.

334. After entering the default judgment, this Court (Ericksen, J.) also sanctioned Manley for violating post-judgment discovery orders. ECF 1087, *Aviva I*.

b. Rulings in Aviva's Case in the Southern District of Iowa.

- 335. Aviva subsequently obtained a default judgment in the Southern District of Iowa against MTD after MTD failed to respond to garnishment interrogatories.
- 336. Years later, the Southern District of Iowa (Adams, J.) denied MTD's motion to set aside Aviva's judgment. The court explained that it was "trouble[d]" by "the indicia of bad faith" by MTD and its affiliates, including "troubling evidence of potential destruction and/or falsification of evidence" and indications that the business "changes corporate names whenever it incurs a significant debt or judgment against it." Oct. 12, 2018 Order at 14-15, ECF 40, *Aviva Sports, Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Mktg, Inc.*, No. 4:15-mc-000434 (S.D. Iowa).
- 337. MTD continued to litigate in the Southern District of Iowa in an effort to overturn Aviva's default judgment even though MTD did not appear in this case and asserts for other purposes that it is not operational.
- 338. In February 2021, the Southern District of Iowa vacated Aviva's judgment against MTD for procedural reasons. Specifically, the court ruled that the magistrate judge should have filed a report and recommendation for the district judge's review rather than an order and judgment. Feb. 3, 2021 Order at 2-3, ECF 71, *Aviva Sports, Inc. v. Fingerhut Direct Mktg, Inc.*, No. 4:15-mc-000434 (S.D. Iowa).
- 339. The court made clear that vacating the MTD judgment "does not in any way affect the judgment against Manley Toys, Ltd. that was created in the Southern District of Iowa by the registration of the Minnesota judgment. Nor does it affect the

previous order granting Plaintiff's motion to compel [ECF 9] and Manley Direct's failure to comply with that order." *Id*.

c. Rulings in the Iowa Claimants' Cases

- 340. The civil actions and litigation leading up to the Iowa Claimants' judgments likewise were marked by egregious misinformation campaigns, discovery abuses, and delay tactics on the part of several Defendants, both in the Southern District of Iowa and in Iowa state court.
- 341. In 2015, the Iowa Court of Appeals observed in Ms. Ackelson's case that Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., "their related companies, and the interrelated management of these companies are engaged in corporate entity three-card monte for the sole purpose of evading service of process and evading potential liability for their conduct." *Ackelson v. Manley Toys Ltd.*, 871 N.W.2d 520,*2 (Iowa Ct. App. 2015).
- 342. That court noted that "[t]he principals and owners of the related companies are largely the same," that "many, if not all, of the defendant corporations are closely related," that "many of the same individuals are involved in their ownership and daily management," and that "the corporations use many of the same employment forms and documents, transfer employees back and forth, and perform both activities in a lackadaisical fashion." *Id*.
- 343. In 2016, the Southern District of Iowa (Gritzner, J.) similarly found in Ms. Rennenger's case that it was "inescapable that Defendants created impediments to the investigation, discovery and trial preparation of the case which justifiably required counsel for Plaintiff to expend substantially more time and effort than should have been

necessary." July 7, 2016 Order at 4, ECF 415, Rennenger v. Manley Toy Direct LLC, No. 4:10-cv-400 (S.D. Iowa) ("Rennenger I"). The court continued: "Both in their conduct pretrial and in testimony during the trial, Defendants engaged in an intentional pattern of obfuscation and non-cooperation that appears to have been difficult for counsel on both sides." *Id.* at 4 n.2.

- 344. In 2017, the Southern District of Iowa (Walters, J.) denied Toy Quest Ltd.'s motion to quash Ms. Renneger's post-judgment discovery and explained that the conduct of the defendants in that case justified extensive judgment enforcement discovery. *See* Mar. 17, 2017 Order, ECF 452, *Rennenger I*.
- 345. The court held that, "[g]iven this history of, call it what you will 'three-card monte,' obfuscation, noncooperation, stonewalling, deception or concealment from the beginning to end of litigation it is reasonable to expect defendants, including [Toy Quest Ltd.], directly or through other affiliated companies, to use almost any means to avoid paying Ms. Rennenger what is owed to her." *Id.* at 12.
- 346. The court also observed that "Defendants' participation in this litigation has been characterized by a pattern of dodging and weaving to avoid legal responsibility for their actions." *Id.* at 9. The court noted that the "obfuscation continues," describing how Toth received orders to shut down Toy Network and form MGS days after Ms. Rennenger's jury verdict against Toy Network. *Id.*
 - 2. Aviva's Efforts to Obtain Information about SLB Companies347. The information presented in Aviva's Complaint took years to gather.

- 348. For years, Aviva has pursued substantial party and non-party discovery to obtain information about the SLB Companies' operations and assets.³ But Defendants vigorously fought Aviva at every turn—defying court orders when necessary.
- 349. As a result, Aviva did not learn until July 2015 that Defendants frequently were mislabeling Manley assets as "Toy Quest Ltd." assets.
- 350. Little by little, as retailers provided bits of information that the SLB Companies themselves were withholding, a fuller picture emerged.
- 351. In 2016, with the Manley bankruptcy filing and MTD corporate dissolution, it became apparent that the Principals and the SLB Companies had not merely disguised or hidden Manley and MTD assets; the Principals and SLB Companies had rendered Manley and MTD assets completely inaccessible to creditors.
- 352. And over the following years, it became apparent—from inconsistent statements by the Chans and Wu, from Dubinsky's own confession, and from a close analysis of the documents obtained from diverse sources—that Defendants were engaged in a massive criminal scheme.

³ See, e.g., Case No. 3:15-mc-15 (M.D. Tenn.) (Dollar General Corp.); Case No. 3:15-mc-103 (N.D. Tex.) (Michaels Stores, Inc.); Case No. 1:15-mc-026 (E.D. Va.) (Dollar Tree, Inc.); Case No. 2:15-mc-46 (S.D. Ohio) (Big Lots, Inc.); Case No. 2:15-mc-7893 (C.D. Cal.) (Aquawood); Case No. 4:15-mc-040 (S.D. Iowa) (MTD); and Case No. 5:15-mc-1025 (W.D. Tex.) (HEB Grocery Co.); ECF 25, 26, 68, 69, 80, 115, 192, 222, Notices of Subpoenas, Discovery, and/or Motions to Compel, *In re Manley Toys Ltd.*, No. 16-15374 (Bankr. D.N.J.); Order Denying Aquawood's Motion to Quash Subpoena to Jet.com, ECF 20, *Aquawood, LLC v. Aviva Sports, Inc.*, No. 17-cv-01726 (D.N.J. May 9, 2017); Orders, ECF 23, 25, 34, 48, 54, 61, 62, 68, *Aviva Sports, Inc. v. Manley Toys Ltd.* (*In re Subpoena to Dollar Empire LLC*), No. 17-mc-00099 (C.D. Cal.).

- 353. Even now, however, many of the precise details of Defendants' criminal acts remain hidden.
- 354. After November 6, 2014, when the Federal Circuit issued its mandate denying Manley's appeal and Aviva's judgment became final, Aviva engaged in fairly routine judgment collection efforts, attempting to garnish funds from large retailers including Target, Fingerhut, Wal-Mart, and Kmart.
- 355. Though the retailers had all conducted business with Manley, representatives from Target, Fingerhut, Wal-Mart, and Kmart reported that they had no garnishable funds. For example, Kmart stated that it had ceased doing business with Manley and instead entered into a contract with a new entity called Toy Quest Ltd.
- 356. The retailers made these statements due to "Toy Quest Ltd.'s" material false representations, as discussed below.
- 357. Based on the statements by retailers, Aviva relied on "Toy Quest Ltd.'s" material misrepresentations and did not garnish funds that were listed as payable to Toy Quest Ltd.
- 358. In July 2015, Aviva obtained documents showing that certain Manley transactions had been mislabeled as "Toy Quest Ltd." transactions.
- 359. At that point, Aviva became more aggressive in trying to determine the true nature of specific transactions and trying to garnish funds that really belonged to Manley but were recorded as belonging to Toy Quest Ltd.
- 360. Aviva served discovery, garnishment interrogatories, and/or writs of execution on Manley, Aquawood, and other Manley business partners.

- 361. On January 4, 2016, Aviva successfully obtained a judgment in the Northern District of Texas for approximately \$140,000 held by Michaels owed to Manley.
- 362. On March 23, 2016, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Bankruptcy Court") stayed all proceedings against Manley and its assets and Aviva was precluded from obtaining more information from retailers and distributors.
- 363. At that point, Aviva sought information from Manley's Liquidators. But Manley's Liquidators resisted many of Aviva's discovery requests. They also stated that they themselves lacked many of Manley's documents, as discussed below.
- 364. In October 2016, Aviva also sought and obtained stay relief that, among other things, allowed it to resume pursuing discovery from retailers and distributors.
- 365. That resulted in a drawn-out dispute with Dollar Empire from July 2017 through May 2018 (described below), during which Wu gave multiple inconsistent statements about imports by Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Banzai International, and Aviva filed multiple motions to compel.
- 366. While Dollar Empire and Wu never gave a coherent account of their dealings with the SLB Companies, they did provide sufficient information to establish customs fraud and other frauds involving shipments to and through the SLB Companies in Iowa.
- 367. Ironically, a major link in the chain of proof of the SLB Enterprise's criminality became known to Aviva not during formal discovery but during a conversation following a September 7, 2017 deposition, which was taken in connection

with Aviva's motion for sanctions against Toy Quest Ltd. for violating the bankruptcy stay. That is when Dubinsky made his "one step ahead" confession.

- 3. Dubinsky, Liu, and Samson Chan Falsified and Destroyed Documents to Avoid Liability.
- 368. Some of the evidence that this and other courts have found "alarming" and "troubling" are emails in which Dubinsky, Liu, and Samson Chan graphically discuss fabricating and burning records to ensure that nothing would be left for creditors to discover in a litigation.
- 369. In 2006, Manley personnel expressed concern about which address should be placed on SLB Products sold under other names, including "Toy Quest," because "[l]awsuits will chase to the address." Dubinsky responded that the companies should not use the Hong Kong address, and Samson Chan and Dubinsky ultimately decided not to use any address.
- 370. Shortly thereafter, Liu emailed Dubinsky to recommend a cover-up that would save money on royalty payments to Six Flags, noting that "we should change all the description to no six flag. in that cans [sic] if six flag come and audit they search nothing from the computer record." Dubinsky responded that "I told u guys to prepare a fire for all the documents ... seriously ... also, destroy bobo notes and contact information."
- 371. Several months later, while discussing still more lawsuits against various SLB Companies, Dubinsky asked "[i]s it possible to make up a shipping invoice[?]

 Don't worry, I promise you wont get deposed this time ... I am much smarter now"

In response to Samson Chan's concern about whether MTD had sent shipments during the relevant time period, Dubinsky said that "[t]hey did not I have to make it up," but reassured Chan, "Don't worry, it wont turn to any issue—I have already thought it through—as they cant check mtd records or subpoena."

- B. Defendants Play Corporate Shell Games to Stay "One Step Ahead" of Judgment Creditors.
- 372. As courts in Minnesota and elsewhere have observed, the Principals and Executives have a history of switching SLB Companies to conceal revenue and other assets to evade judgments.
- 373. As needed, the Principals and Executives fund such companies or undercapitalize them.
- 374. If a company has a judgment entered against it, the Principals and Executives strip it of value while allowing the enterprise to continue to profit.
- 375. The Principals and Executives played this corporate shell game, for example, with SLB Companies in Hong Kong. They have also played it with MTD, Toy Network, and MGS.
- 376. While the names of these companies may have changed, the brand name of the SLB Products they sell, including "Banzai" and "Tekno," generally have remained the same. The companies also use the same facilities and personnel to sell the products to the same retailers.

- 1. As Judgments Piled up, the Principals Shifted Business from One Hong Kong Company to Another.
- 377. A prime example of the Principals' corporate shell game is their sequential looting of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.
- 378. For years, Manley engaged in hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. transactions by selling tens of thousands of tons of SLB Products.
- 379. But when judgments against Manley became a problem, the Principals and other Defendants acted to hide and disguise Manley assets and eventually liquidated Manley, transferring its business and assets to other SLB Companies to protect the SLB Enterprise for the Principals' benefit. They did so by lying repeatedly to retailers, courts, Manley's Liquidators, customs officials, and others, as explained in more detail below.
- 380. Manley's business initially went to Park Lane and Toy Quest Ltd., and from there to Banzai International and other SLB Companies.

a. Shift from Manley to Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane

- 381. For many years, Manley used the trade names "Manley Toys Ltd.," "ToyQuest," "Toy Quest," and "Toy Quest Ltd."
- 382. Manley filed a registration for the "ToyQuest" trademark in 2008, stating that it had been using the mark since 1996. As part of its trademark application, Manley included several "specimens," including invoices, packing lists, and other form documents showing its use of the "ToyQuest" and "Toy Quest Ltd." names. Some of the documents described Toy Quest as a "Division of Manley."
 - 383. Manley also promoted products on the website www.toyquest.com.

- 384. In 2013, faced with tens of millions of dollars of liability, the Principals and their agents decided to use the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." to exploit the separate existence of Toy Quest Ltd., which itself had changed its name several times.
- 385. At the time, Toy Quest Ltd. had almost no sales in the United States, while Manley sold tens of millions of dollars of products annually, including products bearing Manley's "ToyQuest," "Toy Quest Ltd.," and "Banzai" trade names.
- 386. But in 2013, the Principals and their agents drastically reduced the use of the name "Manley," abruptly converting almost exclusively to the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd."
- 387. The company Toy Quest Ltd. then started demanding payment of money that was actually owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name.
- 388. In 2016, when the transfer of assets from Manley to Toy Quest Ltd. was complete and Manley was facing crippling import sanctions for its litigation misconduct in the District of Minnesota (more on that below), the Principals liquidated Manley and began doing business using Toy Quest Ltd.
- 389. Toy Quest Ltd. continued to collect money owed to Manley, in violation of the bankruptcy stay, and to make new sales, generally with the assistance of Park Lane.
- 390. The Principals formed Park Lane—another SLB Company operating in Manley Towers, one floor away from where Manley used to be—less than a month before liquidating Manley.
- 391. On or about March 17, 2016, less than a week before the liquidation, the Principals reassigned nearly all of Manley's employees to identical positions at Park

Lane. Liu and Alan Chan, for example, hold the same positions at Park Lane that they held at Manley—"managing director" and "manager," respectively.

- 392. The Principals created Park Lane to, among other things, drain Manley of resources and assume possession of Manley's documents, thereby keeping those resources and documents away from Manley's creditors and Liquidators but within the control of the SLB Enterprise.
- 393. Park Lane employees continued to sell the same Manley products to the same Manley customers, using their @manleyservices.com.hk email addresses.
- 394. Those same employees lied to retailers and other customers of the SLB Enterprise, sometimes claiming to represent Toy Quest Ltd. and other times claiming to represent Park Lane, depending on which audience the employees appeared before.
- 395. Many of those employees continue to sell the same products to the same customers to this day, routing the SLB Products through facilities operated by MTD, Toy Network, and/or MGS and conspiring with those Iowa Entities, Aquawood, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Dollar Empire, and other Defendants to conceal the importation and ultimate destination of those products from Aviva and other creditors.
- 396. Thus, by approximately March 2016, Manley had transferred all or virtually all of its business assets—including its business relationships, good will, product inventory, intellectual property, right to receive proceedings from various transactions, employees, and documents—to Toy Quest Ltd. or Park Lane.

397. Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane did not pay anything for these assets, let alone equivalent value. There was no purchase agreement between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.

b. Shift from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International and Other SLB Companies

- 398. Later in 2016, the Principals started using yet another company, Banzai International, to make it easier to continue evading independent creditors like Aviva.
- 399. In July 2016, Toy Quest Ltd.'s purported assets were sold to a new company, Banzai International.
- 400. The sale agreement between Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International was not an arm's length transaction. The purchase price was less than \$2 million (US). Toy Quest Ltd.'s purported assets—comprised primarily of the assets transferred from Manley—were worth far more than \$2 million. Manley stated in its 2013 insurance application that its sales in 2013 were \$49 million, and that its projected sales in 2014 were \$39 million.
- 401. The purchase agreement also contains multiple false representations and warranties. For example, Toy Quest Ltd. represented that it was not engaged in, subject to, or threatened by any litigation related to the "Banzai" brand business.
- 402. While the sale agreement was written to appear legitimate, both the agreement's low purchase price and its recitation of numerous obviously false representations and warranties make plain that the agreement was a sham and was not the result of a fair negotiation.

- 403. Like "Toyquest" and "Toy Quest Ltd.," "Banzai" was a registered trademark of Manley. "Banzai" also was the name of one of Manley's leading toy lines.
 - 404. Import records show the shift from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International.
- 405. For example, between January and May 2016, Dollar Empire received over one hundred shipments—weighing a total of more than 860 tons—from Toy Quest Ltd. Starting in December 2016, however, Dollar Empire no longer received shipments from Toy Quest Ltd. and instead began to receive shipments from Banzai International. Many of these shipments from Banzai International contained exactly the same products—often using the same names and packaging—as prior shipments from Toy Quest Ltd.
- 406. The last imports of Toy Quest Ltd. to the United States were in August 2016, around the same time that Toy Quest Ltd. supposedly sold its assets to Banzai International.
- 407. Banzai International, on the other hand, has continued to import thousands of tons of "Banzai" brand water toys to the United States, including more than 1,290 tons of merchandise in 2018, more than 1,570 tons of merchandise in 2019, more than 1,560 tons of merchandise in 2020, and more than 760 tons of merchandise so far in 2021.
- 408. The instruction manuals of many of the "Banzai" brand water toys listed on Banzai International's website have identified those products as "Toy Quest" products, and many of the products were previously imported to the United States by Toy Quest Ltd. Before that, the products were sold by Manley as "Manley," "Toy Quest" and "Banzai" products.

- 409. For example, in 2013 and 2014, the "Banzai" brand "Speed Curve Water Slide" was sold to retailers such as Big Lots using the "Manley" name. That same toy subsequently was imported to Dollar Empire and others by Banzai International and is advertised on Banzai International's website, but with an instruction manual containing a "Toy Quest" logo.
- 410. SLB Companies also sell SLB Products other than "Banzai" brand products using other trade names.
- 411. For example, Tekno (sometimes Teksta) robots, for example, were originally sold under the "Manley" name and then the "Toy Quest" name, and now are sold under the name "Genesis." Genesis is another SLB Company controlled by the Principals.
- 412. The "Manley Toy Quest Corporation" first registered the "Tekno the Robotic Puppy" mark in 2001. Shortly before that mark was cancelled in 2008, Manley itself filed to register the mark "Tekno" for use with "robotic toy dogs." The owner's manual for the original Tekno the Robotic Puppy identified it as a Manley Toy Quest product.
- 413. The "Manley" name now has been removed from all "Tekno" brand products.
- 414. Instead, Defendants shifted those products to the "Toy Quest" name, and then to the "Genesis" name, as evidenced by the instruction manuals for Tekno products.

- 415. A July 2016 press release for Tekno Newborns stated that the Tekno "franchise" belonged to Genesis, quoted Aquawood employee Magalhaes, and directed inquires to an Aquawood email address, press@epic-studios.com.
- 416. SLB Companies continues to export hundreds of tons of Tekno products to the United States, often without bothering to list a "shipper" and sometimes identifying Genesis as the shipper.
 - 2. As Judgments Piled up, the Principals Shifted Business from One Iowa Company to Another.
- 417. Another prime example of the Principals' corporate shell game is their sequential opening and closing of Iowa companies involved in product storage, product distribution, and customer service.
- 418. As the Iowa Claimants pursued their court cases, the Principals and Toth began a game of "corporate three-card monte" in Iowa to try to shed liability and ensure that the women would not be able to execute on any judgments they would obtain.
- 419. In 2013, the Principals and Toth caused Toy Network to sell off its amusement park and carnival novelty toy product inventory. They and others then sent the proceeds from this sale, totaling \$1.3 million, from Iowa to Manley in Hong Kong.
- 420. The Principals and Toth then transferred MTD's assets and business opportunities selling toys to retailers to Toy Network, sold the Indianola facility, and moved MTD and Toy Network to Des Moines.
- 421. Later, to defraud Aviva and the Iowa Claimants, MTD falsely claimed to the Southern District of Iowa that it had never operated in Des Moines or done business

at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines, and could not have been served with legal papers there. In fact, between April 2015 and July 2015 alone, MTD received at least a dozen shipments from Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. at the Des Moines address.

- 422. Shortly after MTD and Toy Network moved to Des Moines, the Principals and Toth caused them to cease to do business altogether.
- 423. MTD continues to litigate even though it is purportedly defunct. It has, for example, retained counsel and attempted to vacate Aviva's Iowa judgment against it based on MTD's misrepresentation, supported by false declarations from Toth and another individual from Hong Kong, that MTD did not do business at 700 New York Avenue in Des Moines. Plaintiff believes MTD's legal bills are being paid by one or more of the Hong Kong Entities.
- 424. In the place of MTD and Toy Network arose MGS, which continued to operate out of the same facility, performing the same functions, distributing the same products, using the same equipment, operated by the same people, on behalf of the same customers, as MTD and Toy Network.
- 425. The Principals and Toth created MGS—immediately after Ms. Rennenger's jury verdict—for the explicit purpose of protecting the SLB Enterprise from any judgments obtained by the Iowa Claimants.
- 426. As the Southern District of Iowa described in Ms. Rennenger's case in 2017, after recounting the Defendants' long history of "dodging and weaving to avoid legal responsibility for their actions," within days of Ms. Rennenger's jury verdict, Toth "received instructions that he was no longer employed by Toy Network, but was now

general manager of a company called MGS International, L.L.C. doing much the same thing he had been doing before—marketing and distributing Toy Quest products."

- 427. MGS opened for business at 700 New York Avenue, Des Moines, using the same workforce that MTD and Toy Network were using when they were shut down.

 Those employees performed the same tasks under substantially the same working conditions as they had for MTD and Toy Network. MGS used the same equipment as MTD and Toy Network.
- 428. Toth was the General Manager of Toy Network when it purportedly closed, and he became General Manager of MGS when it opened for business immediately thereafter, making him the highest level U.S. employee of MGS. Throughout the changes from MTD to Toy Network to MGS, Toth has retained the same place in the SLB Enterprise, managing its day-to-day operations in Iowa.
- 429. MGS handled the same "Banzai" brand water toys and other SLB Products as MTD and Toy Network, and sold those products to the same retailers as MTD and Toy Network. MGS also interacted with the same representatives of the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and Dollar Empire in the same way as MTD and Toy Network to coordinate the distribution of goods from Iowa.
- 430. MGS insiders have admitted that the company changed in name only. One day they were working for one company and the next day they were for working for somebody else, but doing the same job.
- 431. Despite all of these facts, MGS has falsely claimed to courts in Iowa that it is not the corporate successor to MTD and Toy Network.

- 3. The Principals Changed the Ownership of SLB Toys and then Replaced It with Aquawood.
- 432. The Principals' prior abuses of the corporate form confirm that their switches from Manley to Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International and Park Lane, and from MTD to Toy Network to MGS, were undertaken to evade judgments and not for legitimate business purposes.
- 433. In 2006, for example, the Principals changed the ownership of SLB Toys and then replaced it with Aquawood for the express purpose of evading judgments.
- 434. SLB Toys was registered at the Barry Avenue address in Los Angeles in 2003.
- 435. In 2006, Dubinsky changed the "50/50" ownership of SLB Toys from a partnership between Samson Chan and Liu to a partnership between Alan Chan and Liu.
- 436. Dubinsky told Samson Chan that he had taken this step "because of legal issues due to Manley.... We don't want the same ownership in both companies. I can always add back later. If you have any issue, let me know."
- 437. Dubinsky later explained that the "perception" of different ownership in related companies avoids "the perception that they're one in the same."
- 438. In October 2007, SLB Toys was hit with a multi-million dollar judgment in favor of Wham-o, Inc. for willful trademark infringement.
- 439. Instead of paying that judgment, SLB Toys closed its doors and then—in what a California federal court actually called a "shell game"—reopened the next day as Aquawood.

- 440. Even though SLB Toys had been replaced in name by Aquawood, the same employees continued to operate out of the same offices and performed the same role in helping SLB Companies sell SLB Products in the United States.
- 441. As a former employee of two SLB Companies would later testify, "When I inquired as to why the formal name of the company was being changed, I was told by [a manager] that the company was being sued so changing the name would permit them to continue to conduct business."
 - 4. The Principals and Hong Kong Entities Have Admitted that the Purpose of Their Shell Games Is to Evade Creditors.
- 442. As discussed above, Dubinsky has boasted that he, the Chans, and their various companies will always stay "one step ahead" of creditors because they are so adept at playing the corporate shell game.
- 443. Communications between a Manley employee and Excelligence Inc. ("Excelligence") show that the Principals and the SLB Companies fully understood how their corporate shell games would create a misleading paper trail and harm creditors.
- 444. In 2015, after Aviva garnished accounts payable to Manley by Excelligence, Excelligence attempted to cancel a purchase order.
- 445. When Manley refused to cancel the order, Excelligence warned Manley that it would comply with the garnishment.
- 446. In response, a Manley employee proposed that Manley circumvent the garnishment by "deliver[ing] the goods through another company."

- 447. After Excelligence reiterated its cancellation request, Manley again suggested that Excelligence "ship this order by another company (rather than Manley Toys Ltd.)." Excelligence refused.
- 448. Dubinsky himself has bragged about another example—involving Toys R Us ("TRU")—of how the Principals deliberately have used phony paper trails to dupe creditors.
- 449. For years, SLB Companies sold SLB Products, including "Banzai" water slides, to TRU.
- 450. In 2011, a jury in Massachusetts awarded the estate of Robin Aleo over \$19 million in damages against TRU in a wrongful death lawsuit. Ms. Aleo had died when a defective "Banzai" water slide collapsed, causing her to suffer fatal injuries.
- 451. TRU spent years trying to collect money from Manley for its alleged breach of an agreement to indemnify TRU for the judgment.
- 452. By 2012, TRU had made an express decision not to do business with the Principals or any SLB Companies.
- 453. Knowing this, the Principals and Toth hid behind a new trade name to fool TRU into continuing to do business with SLB Companies, and sold SLB Products to TRU using the name "Toy Box."
- 454. Toybox is an Iowa LLC formed by Toth using the Indianola facility address, and MTD, Toy Network, Toybox, and MGS have operated alone and collectively using the "Toy Box" name.

- 455. Each of the Hong Kong Entities, acting at the direction of the Principals and working with Toth, Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS, used the "Toy Box" façade in Iowa to sell SLB Products to TRU.
- 456. As a result of the Principals' fraudulent concealment of their involvement in "Toy Box" sales to TRU, TRU unwittingly remitted money to the SLB Enterprise that it would not knowingly have agreed to provide to the enterprise.
 - C. Defendants Repeatedly Lied to Retailers to Evade Judgments and Fraudulently Transfer Manley's Assets.
- 457. All of the Defendants repeatedly lied to retailers, or caused lies to retailers to be made, about which SLB Company sold SLB Products to the retailer and which SLB Company was owed money for those products.
- 458. Relying on those false statements, many retailers made changes to their vendor systems that allowed Defendants to deceive retailers, creditors, and (eventually) Manley's Liquidators into believing that money due to Manley was instead due to Toy Quest Ltd.
- 459. As a result, multiple retailers that purchased millions of dollars of products from Manley subsequently paid Toy Quest Ltd. for those Manley products.
- 460. For obvious reasons, these kinds of asset transfers made it much more difficult for holders of judgments against Manley to enforce those judgments. For example, Aviva collected only a tiny fraction of its judgment against Manley.

- 1. The Principals and Hong Kong Entities Instructed Retailers to Stop Using the "Manley" Name and to Use the "Toy Quest Ltd." Trade Name Instead.
- 461. Between 2013 and 2015, as part of the Principals' scheme to defraud independent creditors by conducting Manley's business under the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name, members of the SLB Enterprise communicated by interstate mail, email, facsimile, and telephone calls with at least nine different retailers in the course of conducting interstate or foreign commerce.
- 462. In particular, members of the SLB Enterprise caused numerous emails and electronic communications to be sent to such retailers to change the vendor name in their systems from "Manley" to "Toy Quest Ltd." Until Manley actually entered liquidation, however, Manley was still the company entering into the transactions; it was just using an affiliate's name.
- 463. These communications usually were sent by low-level employees at the direction of the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities, but Liu personally caused numerous letters to be sent by mail or wire transmission from Hong Kong to retailers in the United States.
- 464. These letters, which Liu signed on behalf of "Toy Quest Ltd.," advised the retailers that "an additional or change of vendor name is needed in your system" from "Manley Toys Ltd." to "ToyQuest Ltd."
- 465. The letters went on to claim that "ToyQuest Ltd. products and toys have been in the USA market place overt [sic] the last 18 years and sold in all the major USA retailers under the ToyQuest Ltd vendor."

- 466. That statement appears to be false. In fact, as Toy Quest Ltd., Liu, and the other Principals well knew, over the preceding 18 years, although Manley and the Iowa Judgment Debtors had sold "ToyQuest" brand products in the U.S. marketplace and to U.S. retailers, Toy Quest Ltd. had no employees and had not made such U.S. sales, and certainly had not made such sales for the past 18 years.
- 467. Members of the SLB Enterprise directed several other retailers, including Target, Costco, Bed Bath & Beyond, Big Lots, and Michaels, to switch from the name "Manley" to the name "Toy Quest." All of this was done fraudulently, so that retailers would not realize that they were helping to disguise assets of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors.
 - 468. The full extent of those communications is known to Defendants.
- 469. The following table summarizes fraudulent electronic communications to retailers sent in interstate and foreign commerce, primarily from Hong Kong to the United States.

Deceptive Communications to Customers of Manley					
Date	Purported Sender	Recipient	Method	Content	
06/19/13	Manley	Dollar General	Internet submission	Vendor Change Form, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."	
07/26/13	Anthony Cheng (Manley)	A. Koch (Seventh Avenue)	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."	
06/13/14	Anthony Cheng (Manley)	Tina Taylor (Big Lots)	Electronic mail	Name change, changing Manley to "Toy Quest Ltd."	
06/18/14	Manley	Michaels	Internet submission	Vendor Change Form	

09/10/14	Toy Quest Ltd.	Bed Bath	Electronic	Changing "Vendor of
		& Beyond	mail	Record" to Toy Quest Ltd.
09/23/14	Kapo Tsang	Costco	Electronic	Name change, changing
	(Toy Quest Ltd.)		mail	Manley to "Toy Quest
				Ltd."
11/20/15	Jena Schmeling	Lindsey	Electronic	Name Change, changing
	(Northern Lights	Heffron	mail	Manley to "Toy Quest
	Marketing)	(Blain		Ltd."
	2,	Supply,		
		Inc.)		

- 470. It is reasonable to infer that the Principals or Executives approved or directed the sending of the communications.
- Many other retailers are likely to have received similar fraudulent communications. Based on a UCC Financing Statement for Manley as debtor that was publicly filed in August 2013, as well as information provided by Manley's Liquidators, the following list of retailers did business with Manley in the last few years before it liquidated: Academy Sport; Albertsons, Inc.; Alco Stores Inc.; Amazon.Com, Inc.; American Sales Corp.; Amscan Inc.; Apl Logistics OBB AAFES; Bed Bath & Beyond; Big 5 Corp; Big Lots; Bi-Mart Corporation; BJs Wholesale Club Inc.; Bluestem Brands, Inc.; Bonton Stores Inc.; Boscovs; Braha Industries, Inc.; Brooklyn Lollipop Import & Export, Inc.; Burlington Coat Factory; C.K. Group, Inc.; CEC Entertainment, Inc.; Columbus Closeouts; Cost Plus #901 - Stockton Dc; Costco Wholesale USA; Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores; Current Usa; CVS Pharmacy Inc.; DD's Discount; Dicks Sporting Goods; Direct Source Int'l Inc.; Dollar General; Excelligence Learning Corporation; Family Dollar; Far East Brokers And Consultants., Inc.; Fred Meyer Inc. dba Kroger; Fred's Inc.; Gordmans; Grocery Outlet Inc.; H.E. Butt, Inc.; Harris Teeter;

Hy-Vee, Inc.; Kenscott Ltd.; Kmart Corporation; Kohl's Department Stores; Lakeshore Learning Materials; Leisure Systems Inc.; Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies; Liss Global, Inc.; Ltd Commodities LLC; Marlon Creations, Inc.; Mckenzie Buying Co.; McRae And Associates; Meijer Inc.; Menard Inc.; Michaels Stores Procurement Co.; Michaels, Inc.; OKK Trading, ONC; Mills Fleet Farm; National Stores, Inc.; Ollie's Bargain Outlet Inc.; RSI International; Sears Roebuck & Co.; Seventh Avenue, Inc.; Shepher Distributors & Sales Corp.; Shopko Stores Operating Co. LLC; Six Flags, Inc.; Strategic Global Sourcing, LLC; Supervalu International Division; Target Corp.; Target.com; Toys 4 USA; Toys R Us - Delaware, Inc. Dba Toys R Us; U.S. Toy Company, Inc.; Value Source Intl. LLC; Variety Wholesalers Inc.; Wal-Mart.com; Wal-Mart Stores Inc. USA; and Wegmans Food Markets.

- 472. The goal of those fraudulent communications was to seize money that belonged or was due to Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors and deprive independent creditors of that money.
- 473. Each of the communications was intended to deceive retailers about the nature of the transaction discussed. Relying on these communications, numerous retailers came to believe and report that that they were doing business with companies other than Manley, when in fact the retailers continued to do business with Manley.
- 474. Exhibits A-E to Aviva's Complaint are tables listing dozens of invoices that the Principals, Hong Kong Entities, and Aquawood submitted or caused to be submitted to the retailers Big Lots, Dollar General, Michaels, and Target between 2013 and 2016.

- 475. Each of those invoices falsely represented to the retailer that Toy Quest Ltd. sold the SLB Products in question, when in fact those products were sold by Manley using its "Toy Quest" trade name, and fraudulently demanded that the retailer pay money to Toy Quest Ltd. that actually was owed to Manley.
 - 2. Despite the Vendor Name Changes, the SLB Enterprise Retained the Same Employees, Products, Contact Information and Customers.
- 476. Although the vendor names changed, nothing else did. The same employees were selling the same products to the same customers out of the same offices in Hong Kong, then shipping those products to the same locations in Iowa and elsewhere in the United States. In order to hide assets and defraud creditors, however, the SLB Enterprise used subterfuge to confuse vendors, creditors, and even its own employees about which company was conducting business at any given moment.
- 477. Representatives of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors assured many of its customers that the switch from "Manley" to "Toy Quest Ltd." was in name only.
- 478. For example, in May 2014, a representative of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors introduced himself to the retailer Big Lots as "Anthony from Toy Quest (Manley)." A month later, he emailed Big Lots to request a vendor name change from "Manley Toys Ltd." to "Toy Quest Ltd.," but noted that the "address and contact will remain the same."

479. A few months later, in August 2014, Gary Dillman, a vendor representative for Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and the Iowa Judgment Debtors sent an email to Costco advising that:

Manley has a new name. It is now known as TOYQUEST LTD. This was change as all Banzai product are now sold by TOYQUEST LTD. The programs and all vendor details, addresses, etc are the same. Only the name change to TOYQUEST LTD.

- 480. A Costco representative later observed that "Manley" and "Toy Quest Ltd." did in fact share the same personnel, mailing addresses, email addresses, and vendor contacts, all with email addresses ending in "manley.com.hk."
- 481. The vendor change form that Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors submitted electronically to the retailer Michaels in September 2014 likewise listed the same address for "Toy Quest Ltd." as for "Manley Toys Limited," and the same individuals were listed as the export and shipping managers. Those individuals continued to be Manley employees through March 2016. Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors also checked the box for "change vendor information," not the box for "new vendor," and retained Manley's vendor ID number.
- 482. Similarly, Michael Leddy, a U.S. representative of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors located in Maryland, facilitated sales of Manley products to agents for multiple customers, including KMart in Illinois and Dollar General in Tennessee. After the Principals decided to use the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name for Manley sales, Leddy coordinated sales to the same buyers' agents, but claimed to be working on behalf of "Toy Quest Ltd."

- 483. Manley's customers treated the change to "Toy Quest" as purely a change in nomenclature.
- 484. For example, Michaels's Accounts Payable ledger lists "Manley Toys, Ltd.

 Dba Toy Quest Ltd" as the payee for all payments, despite a vendor change form submitted by Manley.
- 485. Similarly, Seventh Avenue directed at least twenty purchase orders to "Toy Quest Ltd (Manley Toys)."
- 486. Employees of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors likewise continued to use "Manley" and "Toy Quest Ltd." interchangeably. For example, the subject line of a November 2014 email from Gary Wong to Seventh Avenue referred to a purchase order for "Toy Quest Ltd (Manley Toys . . .)." Wong introduced himself as "Gary Wong from Toy Quest Ltd," but used a Manley email address, garywong@manley.com.hk, and his signature block identified him as a Manley employee.
- 487. Multiple employees of Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors also signed their emails in 2013 and 2014 on behalf of both "Manley Toys Ltd." and "Toy Quest Ltd.," or even on behalf of "Manley Toys Ltd. / Toy Quest Ltd."
- 488. Yet in sworn court filings, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. has stated that it had "no employees" and was an altogether different company from Manley.
- 489. For example, in August 2014, after Manley and Manley employees had used the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd." to sell toys to U.S. retailers for over a year, Toy Quest Ltd. told the Southern District of Iowa that it had no employees.

- 490. Manley repeatedly has said that it does not represent Toy Quest Ltd., so the Manley employees using the "Toy Quest Ltd." name could not have been acting simultaneously on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd.
- 491. In January 2016, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd. likewise represented to a federal court that although an entity calling itself "Toy Quest" had been selling toys in New York, Toy Quest Ltd. "does not engage in sales in the United States" and "does not transact any business in the United States."
- 492. Accordingly, the so-called "Toy Quest Ltd." entity operating in the United States, taking orders from retailers, and obtaining rights to payment from those retailers could only have been Manley, not the separate company Toy Quest Ltd.
- 493. Moreover, for some licensed products, only Manley was authorized to sell the products in the United States, yet retailers were instructed to place orders for the products with "Toy Quest Ltd." rather than Manley.
- 494. For example, only Manley and Aquawood were authorized in 2013 and 2014 to sell Crayola products in the United States, and those rights were not assignable. Nevertheless, Manley employees using the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name accepted multiple orders for Crayola products from Dollar General and Big Lots.
- 495. Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors also continued to fill "Toy Quest Ltd." orders up until shortly before Manley's liquidation.
- 496. In November 2014, Michaels placed a series of orders that Manley and/or the Iowa Judgment Debtors initially acknowledged and began to fulfill under Manley's name before cancelling the orders and reissuing invoices and packing slips—with the

same invoice numbers, purchase order numbers, and dates—in the name of "Toy Quest Ltd." The invoices also list the identical physical address, telephone number, fax number and "@manley.com.hk" email addresses for "Toy Quest Ltd." as for Manley, and identify "Toy Quest Ltd." as "a division of Manley."

- 497. In addition, prior to Manley's liquidation, Manley continued to be listed on purchase orders as the ultimate payment beneficiary for many transactions, despite the SLB Enterprise's increasing use of the "Toy Quest Ltd." name with retailers.
- 498. For example, Dollar General issued purchase orders dated February 18, 2013 and June 27, 2013 that listed "Toy Quest Limited" as the "Vendor," but identified "Manley Toys Ltd" as the "Beneficiary" and provided that payment be sent "Direct to Beneficiary."
- 499. Seventh Avenue also received invoices from both "Manley" and "Toy Quest" through 2014 but continued to make all payments through irrevocable letters of credit that named "Manley Toys Limited" as the sole beneficiary.
- 500. Documents concerning a single Seventh Avenue purchase in late 2014 and early 2015 illustrate Defendants' false narrative:
 - Seventh Avenue issued the purchase order to "Toy Quest Ltd (Manley Toys)." The invoice and packing list were issued on "Manley Toys
 Ltd." letterhead and the invoice was executed "For and on Behalf of"
 "Manley Toys Ltd.," but the packing list was executed by "Toy Quest
 Ltd."

- And while the cargo receipt for the purchase order listed the shipper as "Manley Toys Ltd.," the express release form listed the shipper as "Toy Quest Ltd."
- Defendants' scheme was designed to create a false record so that, if

 Seventh Avenue ever were garnished or otherwise subject to execution

 for judgments against Manley, the SLB Enterprise could hide behind the

 "Toy Quest Ltd." name and assert spurious objections to collection.
- 501. Purchase orders from retailers Dollar General and Big Lots tell the same story—a sudden shift in name with no change in substance:
 - Before Aviva's judgment was entered in August 2013, Dollar General placed more than 70 orders with "Manley" and none with "Toy Quest Ltd." But in the two years after the judgment, Dollar General placed more than 30 orders with "Toy Quest Ltd." and only two with "Manley."
 - Similarly, Big Lots placed hundreds of orders under the "Manley" name in the beginning of 2013, and continued to place orders primarily under the "Manley" name until May 2014. After that point, Big Lots placed orders exclusively under the "Toy Quest Ltd." name, even though it was buying exactly the same items it had been buying from "Manley."

- D. Defendants Falsified Financial Records to Deceive Creditors, the Courts, and Manley's Liquidators.
- 502. Defendants' fraudulent scheme to exploit the "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name to conceal Manley's sales worked largely as planned, resulting in (a) the creation of false sales and financial records that Defendants knew were materially false but would be relied on by courts, creditors, and Manley's Liquidators, and (b) retailers directing payments to Toy Quest Ltd. that really were due to Manley or its creditors.
- 503. Exhibits G & H to Aviva's Complaint, for example, show payments that the retailers Target and Bed Bath & Beyond made to Toy Quest Ltd. that should have been made to Manley for distribution to its creditors.
- 504. Manley's internal financial documents show that Manley's sales dropped precipitously throughout 2013, at the same time that multiple judgments were entered against Manley.
- 505. However, Manley's sales did not really plummet in 2013. Rather, the Principals and Hong Kong Entities simply stopped recording sales under Manley's name, and instead falsely recorded the sales as sales by other SLB Companies, such as Toy Quest Ltd., MGS, and Toy Network-HK.
- 506. Defendants later provided these doctored financial statements from Manley and other SLB Companies to Manley's Liquidators, with the expectation that the Liquidators would rely on them.
- 507. Those companies went from having zero sales to a projected \$40 million in sales in mid-2015.

- 508. This was a period during which the people selling the SLB Products worked for Manley and/or other SLB Companies; Toy Quest Ltd. claimed in sworn court filings in Iowa to have "no employees."
- 509. In addition to frustrating creditors' efforts to trace the assets of judgment debtors and their successors, the false sales and financial records enabled members of the SLB Enterprise to seize Manley assets and send them out of the country even after the bankruptcy stay prohibiting all attempts to take or transfer Manley U.S. assets was put in place.
- 510. Exhibit F to Aviva's Complaint, for example, reflects payments of more than \$3 million of Manley assets that Dollar Empire and Wu conspired with the Principals, Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Toth, and Iowa Entities to divert to Toy Quest Ltd. after the bankruptcy stay was entered.

E. Defendants Lied to Courts.

- 511. Defendants repeatedly have misled courts in their efforts to evade the judgments of Aviva and other independent creditors.
- 512. They have done so with the assistance of lawyers who have appeared repeatedly on behalf of multiple SLB Companies across the country and served as the willing conduits of Defendants' misrepresentations. Such lawyers have included Monte Mann of Novack and Macey LLP ("Novack") and Stephen Raucher of Reuben Raucher & Blum ("RRB").

- 1. Toy Quest Ltd. and Samson Chan Submitted Fabricated Evidence and an Affirmation from a Fictitious Person in Hong Kong Litigation.
- 513. The Principals caused Toy Quest Ltd. to file a lawsuit in Hong Kong against Aviva. In that lawsuit, Toy Quest Ltd. sought alleged "damages" resulting from Aviva's judgment collection efforts, a declaration that Toy Quest Ltd. is not an alter ego of Manley, and an injunction blocking the post-judgment discovery served on Manley that this Court already had ordered Manley to answer.
- 514. The purpose of that lawsuit was to intimidate Aviva, to circumvent the authority of the District of Minnesota and other courts, and to interfere with Aviva's efforts to collect on its judgment.
- 515. A few months previously, the Principals also had caused Toy Quest Ltd. to file a similar lawsuit in Hong Kong against all of the Iowa Claimants except Ms. Miller.
- 516. Among other things, Toy Quest Ltd. sought a declaration that Toy Quest Ltd. is not an alter ego of MTD, Toy Network, Aquawood, or Manley; an injunction barring the Iowa Claimants from pursuing discovery relating to Toy Quest Ltd. from MTD, Toy Network, Aquawood, or Manley; and damages.
- 517. Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley even filed a lawsuit in Hong Kong against their own Iowa-based defense counsel, Ahlers & Cooney, which had represented MTD and Toy Network in the Iowa Claimants' cases in Iowa. Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley sought an injunction preventing Ahlers & Cooney from pursuing discovery from Toy Quest Ltd. or Manley, or garnishing property "relating" to Toy Quest Ltd. or Manley.

- 518. On August 16, 2016, Toy Quest Ltd. submitted a purported sworn affirmation from a person supposedly named "Gary Swerdlow" (the "Swerdlow Affirmation") in the Hong Kong lawsuit that Toy Quest Ltd. brought against Aviva.
- 519. The Swerdlow Affirmation was submitted to support the argument that Aviva's judgment enforcement efforts had caused Toy Quest Ltd. to lose business in the United States.
- 520. Aviva believes that the Swerdlow Affirmation is false and fraudulent in its entirety.
- 521. The Swerdlow Affirmation gave Swerdlow's address as 1008 Homer Street #508, Vancouver, BC. That claim was false. No such person resided or worked there, because the address does not exist.
- 522. Diligent subsequent efforts by Aviva to identify anyone named Gary Swerdlow who works in the toy industry or lives in Vancouver have failed.
- 523. The Swerdlow Affirmation also alleged that Swerdlow had spoken to several retailers on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., including Hot Topic, Dollar General, Home Depot, and Jet.com. Aviva subsequently learned that none of those retailers had any record of Swerdlow, and Hot Topic provided a declaration that its personnel had never spoken to anyone named Gary Swerdlow on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd.
- 524. On the same day the Swerdlow Affirmation was submitted, Samson Chan also submitted an affirmation. Attached as "evidence" to his affirmation was a fabricated fax purportedly from Swerdlow that summarized his supposed conversations with retailers.

- 2. The Principals Have Directed SLB Companies to Interfere with Garnishment Proceedings on False Pretenses.
- 525. To enforce its judgment against Manley, Aviva brought a series of garnishment actions seeking funds from retailers that had conducted business with Manley when it was using the "Toy Quest" trade name.
- 526. One such action was brought in the Middle District of Tennessee, so that Aviva could garnish funds owed by the retailer Dollar General to Manley.
- 527. The Principals dispatched Defendant Wellmax to contest Aviva's garnishment.
- 528. Wellmax operated out of space leased from and/or occupied by Manley, and Wellmax was listed as a named insured on Manley's insurance policy, along with Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and other SLB Companies. Samson Chan was one of the initial directors of Wellmax.
- 529. Wellmax falsely asserted a security interest in the Dollar General funds, but its alleged security interest was a sham.
- 530. Wellmax had no evidence of any actual security interest in Manley's or Toy Quest Ltd.'s receivables and had taken none of the actions necessary to perfect a security interest in the United States or Hong Kong.
- 531. Wellmax had no response to these facts. Instead, Toy Quest Ltd. suddenly entered an appearance and sought to challenge Aviva's garnishment.
- 532. Having been exposed as a sham intervenor, Wellmax withdrew from the case within a few hours of Toy Quest Ltd. entering its appearance.

- 533. Toy Quest Ltd.'s decision to intervene in the Tennessee Action was made at the direction of Dubinsky, Gary Chan, Mann, and Raucher.
- 534. Toy Quest Ltd. proceeded to demand approximately \$100,000 that Dollar General had paid into the court's registry, but offered no evidence to refute Aviva's argument that Manley had done business using the "Toy Quest Ltd." name.
- 535. Like Wellmax, Toy Quest Ltd. intervened to interfere with the ability of Manley's creditors to collect Manley assets.
- 536. Moreover, Toy Quest Ltd.'s attempt to seize these assets constituted a willful violation of the bankruptcy stay imposed when Manley sought recognition of its liquidation in the United States. As discussed in more detail below, Toy Quest Ltd. was sanctioned for that stay violation.

3. Alan Chan Lied to the Iowa Federal and State Courts.

- 537. In 2013, Alan Chan submitted affidavits in both Iowa federal and state courts in which he swore that Manley did not own property in the United States or in the State of Iowa, did not derive revenue from services rendered in Iowa, never maintained any bank accounts or assets or financial interest in Iowa, and never owned, rented, or leased property in Iowa.
 - 538. All of these claims were false, and Alan Chan knew they were false.
 - 539. At the time, Manley maintained offices in Indianola and Los Angeles.
- 540. Manley also owned property in Iowa, and had numerous other assets and financial interests in Iowa.

- 541. In January 2015, with the Iowa Claimants' trials approaching, the Principals caused Toy Warehouse to sell the Indianola facility for more than \$6.1 million.
- 542. On January 8, 2015, to ensure that this money could not be used to satisfy judgments obtained by the Iowa Claimants, Alan Chan wired building sale proceeds of \$6,198,456.10 from Iowa to Manley's Hang Seng Bank account in Hong Kong.
- 543. Alan Chan's false statements were material in that they were intended to persuade the courts that they did not have jurisdiction over Manley and that the Iowa Claimants' claims against Manley should thus be dismissed.
- 544. The affidavits were electronically submitted in July or August 2013 to the Southern District of Iowa in Ms. Rennenger's case and Ms. Roush's case and to the Iowa state court in Ms. Ackelson's case and the combined case of Ms. Drake and Ms. Miller.

4. Other False Statements to Courts

- 545. Defendants made many other false statements to courts.
- 546. The following table summarizes false court filings asserting that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds. The purpose of those misrepresentations, which were transmitted to the courts in interstate and foreign commerce through the courts' electronic case filing systems, was to conceal the true activities of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., thereby permitting the SLB Enterprise to conduct business using the "Toy Quest Ltd." name while evading liabilities.

	False and Fraudulent Communications to U.S. Courts				
Date	Purported Sender	Recipient	Content		
5/4/15	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Tex.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds		
5/4/15	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Tex.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds		
5/4/15	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Ill.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds		
5/4/15	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Northern Dist. of Ill.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds		
5/11/15	Toy Quest Ltd. and Francis Wong	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Declaration of Francis Wong, on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds		
5/11/15	Alan Chan and Manley	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Declaration of Chan Siu Lin a/k/a Alan Chan, on behalf of Manley, falsely claiming that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. kept separate accounts and did not commingle funds		

547. The following table lists false statements about the operations of SLB Companies in several electronic court filings around the country sent in interstate and foreign commerce.

	False and Fraudulent Communications to U.S. Courts				
Date	Purported Sender	Recipient	Summary of False and Fraudulent Communication		
12/12/16	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Motion to Compel Aviva to comply with Bankruptcy Stay, attempting to block discovery into Toy Quest Ltd.'s activities and forestall sanctions motion and falsely alleging that Aviva was in violation of Stay		
12/21/16	Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that Chan "retired" from "day-to-day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 and "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion"		
12/21/16	Dubinsky (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that "at no time did Aquawood or [Dubinsky] have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley		
12/21/16	Alan Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities		
1/26/17	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Opposition to Motion for Status Conference, fraudulently claiming that funds owed by Dollar General to Manley were in fact owed to Toy Quest Ltd.		
1/27/17	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct for the Middle Dist. of Tenn.	Supplemental Opposition to Motion for Status Conference, seeking to take funds owed by Dollar General to Manley		
3/15/17	Dubinsky (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Declaration of Dubinsky, falsely claiming that Aquawood is an independent sales representative		
4/11/17	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Opposition to motion to compel documents and information, falsely representing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings with Dollar General		

5/17/17	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Supplemental interrogatory response, falsely describing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings with Dollar General and Toy Quest Ltd.'s actions in response to discovery
6/8/17	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Second supplemental interrogatory response, falsely describing Toy Quest Ltd.'s dealings with Dollar General and Toy Quest Ltd.'s actions in response to discovery
7/18/17	Toy Quest Ltd. (through counsel)	U.S. Bankr. Ct. for the Dist. of NJ	Opposition to motion to compel depositions, falsely representing Toy Quest Ltd.'s efforts to respond to discovery served in bankruptcy case
8/15/17	Wu (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Central Dist. of Cal.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that Dollar Empire was "just a customer" of Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International
10/2/17	Wu (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Central Dist. of Cal.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that Dollar Empire was a "consignee" of Banzai International without disclosing the alleged fact that Dollar Empire did not actually receive the "consigned" goods
1/12/18	Wu (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Central Dist. of Cal.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that Dollar Empire had no interest in consigned goods whatsoever and that Dollar Empire received no revenue from Banzai International
4/20/18	MTD (through counsel and its "Corporate Secretary")	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Southern Dist. of Iowa.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that MTD had "never done business at the address of 700 New York Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa," and that MTD "has had no employees in the United States [sic] 2013"
5/24/18	Toth (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Southern Dist. of Iowa.	Affidavit by certification falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that MTD "never did business" at the address of 700 New York Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
7/3/18	Chan (through counsel)	U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. Of Minn.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that Chan "retired" from "day-to-day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 and "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion"

7/3/18	Liu (through	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, inter alia, that Liu
	counsel)	for Dist. Of	"was not aware of and made no decisions on
		Minn.	behalf of Manley with respect to the post-
			judgment discovery at issue on this motion"
7/3/18	Dubinsky	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that "at
	(through	for Dist. Of	no time did Aquawood or [Dubinsky] have
	counsel)	Minn.	any control over or decision-making
			authority" with respect to Manley
7/3/18	Alan Chan	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that
	(through	for Dist. Of	making "decisions on behalf of Manley with
	counsel)	Minn.	respect to the post-judgment discovery at
			issue on this motion" was not part of Alan
			Chan's job responsibilities
7/3/18	Park Lane	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Declaration falsely stating, <i>inter alia</i> , that
	(through	for Dist. Of	that Park Lane "was not aware of and made
	counsel and	Minn.	no decisions on behalf of Manley with
	its		respect to the post-judgment discovery at
	"Manager")		issue on this motion"

548. Defendants similarly furthered their fraudulent scheme by lying to courts to block independent creditors' efforts to garnish funds, including by falsely asserting rights to money that retailers owed to Manley and making false representations in response to court-ordered discovery, as summarized in the following table.

Wire Communications Intended to Evade Garnishment					
		or Take Funds	Owed to Ma	nley	
Date	Purported	Recipient	Method	Content	
	Sender				
5/4/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Dissolve	
	Ltd. (through	for the	Case Filing	Garnishment, seeking to take	
	counsel)	Northern Dist.		funds owed by Michaels to	
		of Texas.		Manley	
5/11/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash Garnishment,	
	Ltd. (through	for the Middle	Case Filing	seeking to take funds owed by	
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		Dollar General to Manley	
5/11/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash Garnishment,	
	Ltd. (through	for the Middle	Case Filing	seeking to take funds owed by	
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		Dollar General to Manley	

11/6/15	Wellmax	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Quash Garnishment,
	(through	for the Middle	Case Filing	seeking to take funds owed by
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		Dollar General to Manley
11/6/15	Wellmax	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Memorandum in Support of
	(through	for the Middle	Case Filing	Motion to Quash Garnishment,
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		seeking to take funds owed by
				Dollar General to Manley
11/6/15	S. Lee and	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Declaration of Samuel Lee on
	Wellmax	for the Middle	Case Filing	behalf of Wellmax, falsely
		Dist. of Tenn.		asserting a security interest in
				funds owed by Dollar General
				to Manley
12/7/15	Toy Quest	U.S. Dist. Ct	Electronic	Motion to Intervene and
	Ltd. (through	for the Middle	Case Filing	Opposition to Motion for
	counsel)	Dist. of Tenn.		Judgment, seeking to take
				funds owed by Dollar General
				to Manley
2/24/16	Jun Tai and	U.S. Dist. Ct.	Electronic	Motion to Intervene and
	Winning	for the Dist. of	Case Filing	oppose motion for sanctions,
	(through	Minn.		falsely representing the filers'
	counsel)			connection to Manley and
				filed for the undisclosed
				purpose of delaying the
				sanctions motion long enough
				for Manley to begin
				bankruptcy proceedings

F. Defendants Have Deceived Creditors, Manley's Liquidators, and the Courts in Connection with Manley's Bankruptcy Case.

- 549. In late 2015 or early 2016, the Principals decided to liquidate Manley in Hong Kong and seek chapter 15 recognition of the liquidation in the Bankruptcy Court.
- 550. In March 2016, as a result of the petition for chapter 15 recognition, the Principals succeeded in obtaining a stay of all U.S. litigations involving Manley.
- 551. At that time, Aviva was seeking injunctive sanctions against Manley that would have prevented Manley and its affiliates from importing SLB Products into the United States. The bankruptcy stay put an abrupt halt to those sanctions proceedings.

- 552. The Principals' pre-liquidation misconduct also prevented Manley's Liquidators from pursuing any loss-recovery claims by depriving the Liquidators of the money and documents necessary to pursue or sustain such claims.
- 553. Meanwhile, all of the Defendants violated the bankruptcy stay by disguising Manley assets and sending them out of the country.
 - 1. Prior to Manley's Bankruptcy Filing, the District of Minnesota Was Poised to Impose Crippling Import Sanctions on the SLB Enterprise.
- 554. On December 30, 2015, the District of Minnesota ordered Manley to respond to Aviva's post-judgment document requests and interrogatories by January 21, 2016. The deadline passed and Aviva received nothing.
- 555. On February 12, 2016, Aviva filed a motion for sanctions. The sanctions motion sought monetary sanctions and an injunction preventing Manley—as well as Toy Quest Ltd. or any other intermediary, affiliate, or alter ego of Manley—from selling, importing, distributing, or shipping SLB Products into the United States. A hearing was set for March 1, 2016.
- 556. The importation injunction would have posed a major threat to the SLB Enterprise.
- 557. During a previous hearing, the District of Minnesota expressly had warned counsel for Manley that it would impose an importation injunction as a coercive sanction:

I think that they are over there in Hong Kong or China, and they just don't care. . . . I see no alternative but to put an embargo on all importation of Bonsai products, all Manley, and Manley-related products. None may be imported into this country until the responsibilities of Manley in this litigation have been discharged.

And I intend to do that only because every other avenue seems hopeless. . . . So they're going to have to care. If they are going to do business in this country, they are going to have to follow the Court's orders. So that's all there is to it. . . . I mean this is bad. This is beyond shocking. Beyond shocking. . . . [E]verything smells like a ruse, and it smells like contempt.

- 2. The Principals Orchestrated Fraudulent Liquidation and Bankruptcy Proceedings Designed to Escape Liability in the U.S. and Cheat Independent Creditors like Aviva.
 - a. The Principals Rigged Manley's Creditor List to Give Themselves Control over the Liquidation.
- 558. Once the Principals realized that time was running out in Minnesota, they rushed to liquidate Manley in Hong Kong, manipulating Manley's creditor list to ensure that SLB Companies would control the liquidation.
- 559. In late February and early March 2016, the Principals took steps to gerrymander Manley's creditor list to make it appear that the percentage of Manley liabilities owed to SLB Companies exceeded fifty percent, thereby giving those affiliates power over the liquidation at the expense of independent creditors.
- 560. As of mid-February 2016, Manley owed approximately HK \$125 million to two banks, Hang Seng Bank and HSBC Hong Kong. The banks were among Manley's largest creditors.
- 561. But over the next two weeks, the Principals substituted in two SLB Companies—Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion—as purported creditors of Manley by having them provide funds to Manley to pay off the bank loans.
- 562. If Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion had not transferred funds to Manley to pay the banks, the affiliates would not have been Manley creditors when Manley

liquidated. Indeed, financial records demonstrated that those companies actually *owed* money to Manley until shortly before Manley's liquidation.

- 563. Moreover, Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion were *themselves* obligors on the loans, meaning that those companies were paying off *their own loans*, even though their payments were routed through Manley.
- 564. The manufactured bank loan payments artificially increased the percentage of Manley's total liabilities that supposedly were owed to SLB Companies just enough for those companies to assert control over the entire creditor group.

b. The Principals Looted Manley Prior to the Liquidation.

- 565. As discussed above, the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities looted Manley prior to the liquidation, taking its accounts receivable, inventory, business opportunities, goodwill, and nearly all its cash, and hiding its documents with one or more of the Hong Kong Entities.
- 566. The Principals and Hong Kong Entities also divested Manley of six luxury automobiles—a Bentley, a Ferrari, a Porsche, a Jaguar, and two Mercedes Benz sedans.
 - c. Manley's Creditors' Meeting Was Timed to Prevent Aviva and Other Independent Creditors from Receiving Adequate Notice.
- 567. The Principals held their first meeting with the Manley's Liquidators on March 4, 2016, the day after the final bank loan was paid off.
- 568. The Principals convened a "Creditors' Meeting" in Hong Kong on March 22, 2016, the "quickest date" possible.

- 569. The Principals waited to mail notice of the meeting to Manley's U.S.-based creditors until it was too late for those creditors to attend the meeting, even if they had the time and money needed to fly halfway around the world. The notices were not emailed or faxed.
- 570. Aviva did not receive notice of the Creditors' Meeting until two days after the meeting occurred.
 - 571. Other U.S. creditors likewise did not receive notice until after the meeting.
 - The law firm that represented the Iowa Claimants in their civil rights
 claims against SLB Companies did not receive notice of the Creditors'
 Meeting until after the meeting occurred.
 - The Eclipse Group, a law firm that formerly represented Manley, did not receive notice until April 4, 2016, almost two weeks after the meeting.
 - Out of Manley's nine U.S. creditors, only one knew about the meeting sufficiently ahead of time to submit a claim form, and he apparently learned about the meeting from a source other than the mailed notice.
- 572. The Principals thus created a situation where it was impossible for most of Manley's independent creditors to have any effective voice in the initial liquidation proceeding.

- d. The Principals Dominated the Creditors' Meeting and Commissioned a "Committee of Inspection" to Direct the Liquidation.
- 573. Even if some of Manley's U.S. creditors had managed to learn about and attend the Creditors' Meeting, the Principals made certain that the deck would be stacked so heavily in favor of the SLB Companies that the wishes of independent creditors would be overridden.
- 574. Immediately before the Creditors' Meeting, Samson Chan—acting as the shareholder and "proxy holder" for Manley's parent company Teng Yue Holdings Ltd.—was literally the only person present at the "Extraordinary General Meeting" at which the resolution to initiate Manley's liquidation was passed.
- 575. Samson Chan then chaired the Creditors' Meeting, in his capacity as a director of Manley.
- 576. Of the seventeen "creditors" represented at the Creditors' Meeting, sixteen of them—including Toy Quest Ltd., which had assumed most of Manley's business relationships—were SLB Companies controlled by Samson Chan, Alan Chan, and Lisa Liu.
- 577. Either Samson Chan or Alan Chan was identified as the point of contact and signed proof of debt forms for all sixteen of them.
- 578. The sixteen SLB creditors appointed a five-member committee of inspection ("COI") to direct the liquidation.
- 579. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, and Liu control all five companies on the COI, including Toy Quest Ltd.

- Alan Chan is the sole natural-person director of three of the companies,
 all of which are owned by Manley Overseas Ltd.
- Samson Chan is the sole natural-person director of the other two companies, Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley Fashion, which are also the entities that provided the funds to pay off the bank loans.
- Liu is the "authorized signatory" for Toy Quest Ltd.
- 3. The Principals Used Sham Intervenors to Circumvent the Authority of the District of Minnesota.
- 580. On February 24, 2016, a week before Aviva's motion seeking injunctive sanctions was scheduled to be heard, the law firm Novack, which frequently represents SLB Companies, filed a motion to intervene in the District of Minnesota on behalf of two companies, Jun Tai Co. Ltd. ("Jun Tai") and Winning Industrial Ltd. ("Winning").
- 581. Although Novack had been retained by Toy Quest Ltd., Novack failed to disclose its representation of Toy Quest Ltd. to the court. And while Toy Quest Ltd. paid for the motion filed on behalf of Jun Tai and Winning, Toy Quest Ltd. refrained from joining the motion itself and instead concealed its role from the court.
- 582. Dubinsky served as the "litigation agent" not only for Toy Quest Ltd. but also for Jun Tai and Winning, just as he had served as the "litigation agent" for other SLB Companies in multiple previous lawsuits.
- 583. Through Novack and at the direction of Dubinsky, Jun Tai and Winning provided materially false information about their corporate ownership to this Court,

claiming both that they shared one or more corporate parents with Manley and that they had no corporate parents.

- 584. Jun Tai and Winning also falsely alleged that they had interests that could be harmed by an import injunction affecting Manley products.
- 585. The Court agreed to hear the motion to intervene on March 14, 2016, and postponed the hearing on Aviva's motion for sanctions until March 31, 2016.
- 586. On March 17, 2016, the Court denied the motion to intervene as "grossly deficient." The Court observed that Jun Tai and Winning had failed to set forth any factual support for their claims or comply with basic procedural requirements:

For whatever reason, the movants wholly failed to provide the Court with any facts as to who they are, what they do (e.g., do they even sell or distribute Manley toys in the United States), what their interest in the sanctions motion is, what their relationship to Manley is, or how the outcome of the sanctions motion would affect them. Significantly, their motion was unsupported by any declaration or affidavits that would permit the Court to evaluate their contention that intervention was warranted. In fact, even their conclusory statements that they have a common ownership with Manley, but are separate legal entities, was without any evidentiary support.

- 587. Indeed, it is not clear that Jun Tai and Winning are even real companies.

 Aviva has served discovery on Dubinsky, Aquawood, Toy Quest Ltd., Samson Chan,

 Alan Chan, Lisa Liu, Banzai International, and Park Lane in an attempt to locate Jun Tai

 and Winning so Aviva can serve them.
- 588. In response, Dubinsky, Aquawood, Toy Quest Ltd., Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Lisa Liu, Banzai International, and Park Lane have maintained that they do not

have a single piece of paper reflecting contact information for Jun Tai and Winning, and that they communicated only with a "Mr. Li" at a phone number that is not functional.

- 589. Nevertheless, the sham motion to intervene achieved its intended result, in that the District of Minnesota moved the sanctions hearing from March 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016.
- 590. That delay provided enough time for the Principals to begin Manley's liquidation in Hong Kong and direct Manley's Liquidators to file a petition for chapter 15 recognition and a request for emergency provisional relief to shut down all U.S. litigation relating to Manley, including the litigation before this Court and efforts by TRU to hold Manley accountable for selling the waterslide that killed Robin Aleo.
- 591. Thus, with less than a week to spare before the sanctions hearing, the Principals sidestepped this Court's authority, allowing them to continue to import products into the United States (through customs fraud and money laundering, described below) and take millions of dollars out of the United States, without answering for their repeated violations of this Court's orders or paying the judgments owed to Aviva and other creditors.
 - 4. The Principals Have Paid the Liquidators to Shut Down Litigation in the U.S. While Preventing Them from Pursuing Alter Ego or Fraudulent Transfer Claims.
- 592. From the start of the liquidation, the Principals and the Liquidators agreed that Toy Quest Ltd. would fund efforts to stop U.S. litigations through a chapter 15 proceeding. Toy Quest Ltd. would pay the Liquidators only for work in relation to

chapter 15 activities, and none of Toy Quest Ltd.'s money could be spent on liquidation activities in Hong Kong.

- 593. The Principals also chose and are paying the Liquidators' U.S. bankruptcy counsel, Archer & Greiner and Goodwin Procter. Toy Quest Ltd. is paying these lawyers directly (and with criminal proceeds), without going through the Liquidators.
- 594. Meanwhile, Manley itself paid the Liquidators only a minimal amount of money to be used in Hong Kong.
 - 595. The Principals also concealed Manley's assets from the Liquidators.
- 596. The Liquidators incorrectly concluded—based on records supplied by the Principals—that Manley had conducted little to no business in the United States in recent years and had less than \$100,000 in realizable U.S. assets. In reality, Dollar Empire alone owed Manley more than forty times that amount.
- 597. In addition, the Liquidators purportedly did not know that Manley had been operating as "Toy Quest Ltd." until the week before Manley's liquidation filing. The Liquidators thus failed to identify as Manley assets the millions of dollars that major retailers owed to Manley for sales it made using its "Toy Quest Ltd." name.
- 598. While they have had no funding to take action in Hong Kong, the Liquidators have had substantial resources—including the proceeds of criminal activity—to fight independent creditors in U.S. courts.
- 599. The Liquidators have used that money to pay their lawyers to file the initial chapter 15 recognition petition that triggered the bankruptcy stay, block Aviva's efforts to take discovery and to compel Toy Quest Ltd. to comply with the bankruptcy stay, and

oppose Aviva's request for stay relief to allow independent creditors to assert alter ego or fraudulent transfer claims.

- 600. In Hong Kong, however, the Liquidators have had almost no money to investigate or prosecute claims involving Manley's pre-liquidation transactions or the conduct of the Principals or the Hong Kong Entities.
- 601. At the same time, the Principals have withheld documents and information from the Liquidators that might support alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims.
- 602. Manley's Liquidator Mat Ng testified that the Liquidators were not granted access to the server used to store Manley's emails, which was in the custody of "Manley's related companies."
- 603. The Liquidators also could not obtain documents concerning Manley's bank loans because Toy Quest Ltd. and other borrowers on the loans would not consent to the documents' production.
- 604. The Principals, Aquawood, Toth, and the Iowa Entities also have withheld from the Liquidators Manley's documents, as well as other documents related to Manley's financial condition and assets, located in California and Iowa.
- 605. The Liquidators took possession of only a small subset of Manley's books and records.
- 606. The Principals refused to produce Manley's documents in response to discovery requests that Aviva and others have served in the Bankruptcy Court.

- 5. Toy Quest Ltd. and the Liquidators Were on the Verge of Entering into a Collusive Settlement, Which Was Rejected by the Hong Kong Court.
- 607. On February 18, 2019, Manley's Liquidators informed Aviva by letter that the Liquidators had "negotiated" a settlement with Toy Quest Ltd.
- 608. The proposed settlement was not negotiated "with" Toy Quest Ltd. so much as it was negotiated at the behest of Toy Quest Ltd. and its affiliates in a collusive attempt to prevent independent creditors from recovering the money rightfully owed to them by Manley.
- 609. All sides of the negotiation over the proposed settlement were represented by professionals who were paid by Toy Quest Ltd. and/or other members of the SLB Enterprise.
- 610. The Liquidators' own lawyers also have represented SLB Companies in connection with the Manley liquidation and have been paid by SLB Companies throughout the process.
- 611. Pursuant to the proposed settlement, Toy Quest Ltd. would have paid HK \$300,000 (around US \$38,700) to be distributed pro rata among Manley's independent creditors. The Liquidators themselves separately would have received another HK \$300,000 under the settlement terms.
- 612. Aviva would have received about US \$30,000 of the settlement proceeds, leaving only about US \$9,000 to be split among all other independent creditors, including the five Iowa Claimants. In all, independent creditors would have received approximately *one-tenth of one percent* of their claims.

- 613. In return for Toy Quest Ltd. paying this tiny fraction of Manley's debts, Manley's Liquidators would have given up Manley's rights to assert alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims against Toy Quest Ltd. and any other affiliated company or individual. The deal was intended to deprive independent creditors of the money that could be obtained through such claims and ensure that no one ever would pursue the assets the Principals took from Manley.
- 614. The Liquidators' February 18, 2019 letter blamed their inability to adequately investigate alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims on a lack of funds. As discussed above, the Principals deliberately orchestrated that lack of funds in Hong Kong by looting Manley prior to the Principals' commencement of Manley's voluntary liquidation proceedings.
- 615. At the same time, the Principals bankrolled the Liquidators' efforts to shut down litigation in the United States. Bills by the Liquidators and their professionals for work to shut down U.S. litigation were paid by the Principals, the Hong Kong Entities, and/or other SLB Companies. By contrast, bills for other work have been left unpaid.
- 616. Moreover, the Liquidators' letter failed to address that for years, Aviva has been providing extensive documents and information that could have formed the basis of alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims with minimal additional effort and expense from the Liquidators.
- 617. The letter likewise failed to address that Aviva repeatedly had offered to prosecute alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims against Toy Quest Ltd. and the other

entities and persons that looted Manley before its liquidation, but that those offers had been refused.

- 618. The Liquidators petitioned the Hong Kong court to approve the collusive settlement.
- 619. In July 2020, the Hong Kong court rejected the proposed settlement. The Hong Kong court adjourned the matter for the purpose of allowing the Liquidators to attempt to negotiate a settlement that would provide more value to independent creditors.
- 620. The Liquidators subsequently announced that no sufficiently enhanced settlement was likely, terminated settlement negotiations with Toy Quest Ltd., so notified the Hong Kong court and U.S. courts, and requested leave to withdraw the petition to approve the proposed settlement.
 - 6. The Liquidators Have Abandoned All Fraudulent Transfer and Alter Ego Claims and Intend to Close the Hong Kong Liquidation without a Distribution to Independent Creditors.
- 621. On September 9, 2020, the Liquidators advised Aviva that the Liquidators plan to close Manley's Hong Kong liquidation proceeding.
- 622. The Liquidators stated that they will make no distribution to Manley's independent creditors and are abandoning all alter ego and fraudulent transfer claims that the Liquidators could have asserted against all individuals and entities, including principals and affiliates of Manley.
- 623. In March 2021, the Liquidators held a final creditors meeting and filed the necessary paperwork with the Hong Kong Registrar of Companies to dissolve Manley.

According to the Liquidators, Manley will be dissolved three months thereafter, around the end of June 2021.

- 7. At Toy Quest Ltd.'s Insistence, Manley's Liquidators Sought to Destroy All Manley Documents in Their Possession.
- 624. After abandoning their proposed collusive settlement, Manley's Liquidators sought to destroy all Manley documents in their possession as their last act before closing the liquidation.
- 625. The Liquidators stated to Aviva and the Bankruptcy Court that they intended to destroy the documents because the "committee of inspection" instructed them to do so. The committee of inspection is comprised entirely of Manley affiliates, including Toy Quest Ltd.
- 626. After the Liquidators rejected all of Aviva's proposals to preserve the documents, Aviva sought and obtained relief from the Bankruptcy Court.
 - 8. The Bankruptcy Court Ordered the Liquidators to Preserve Manley's Documents and Granted Stay Relief to Aviva.
- 627. In February 2021, the Bankruptcy Court ordered the Liquidators to preserve Manley's books and records through at least June 30, 2021.
- 628. The Bankruptcy Court also granted Aviva stay relief to (a) ask other courts to compel the production and/or preservation of Manley documents; (b) pursue alter ego, fraudulent transfer, and other claims against third parties, including Manley's principals, affiliates, and agents, in any appropriate court; and (c) name Manley as a defendant in related litigations.

- 9. While Independent Creditors Have Been Stayed from Seeking Manley Assets, SLB Companies Like Toy Quest Ltd. Have Sought Those Assets Illegally.
- 629. The bankruptcy stay prohibited any act to obtain possession of Manley's assets or to allow such assets to leave the United States.
- 630. Before obtaining stay relief in February 2021, Aviva and other independent creditors have complied with that order, refraining from seeking assets from Manley or asserting claims based on Manley's alter-ego relationships with other companies or individuals.
- 631. By contrast, the Principals and Toy Quest Ltd.—with the help of Wu,
 Dollar Empire, Park Lane, and other Defendants—disguised millions of dollars in
 Manley assets as Toy Quest Ltd. assets and took them out of the country, in violation of
 18 U.S.C. § 152.
- 632. Since the entry of the bankruptcy stay, Toy Quest Ltd. improperly has taken more than \$7 million of Manley's money by causing retailers and distributors to pay Toy Quest Ltd. instead of preserving the funds for the benefit of Manley's creditors.
- 633. Toy Quest Ltd. has then passed those Manley assets on to the Principals, Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants.
- 634. For example, after the bankruptcy stay was entered, Wu directed Dollar Empire to wire Toy Quest Ltd. millions of dollars in Manley receivables to keep that money from Manley's creditors.
- 635. Representatives of SLB Companies also have deceived retailers about whom they represented, thereby aiding efforts to move Manley assets offshore.

- 636. For example, in June 2016, Peter Magalhaes, a longtime employee of the SLB Enterprise's California companies, emailed a representative of the retailer Costco to demand that Costco transfer approximately \$25,000 it owed to Manley from Manley's vendor account to Toy Quest Ltd.'s vendor account, and then turn those funds over to Toy Quest Ltd. Magalhaes identified himself as the "General Manager and SVP" of Epic Studios.
- 637. To deceive Costco, Magalhaes omitted from his message any mention of the connection between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., the chapter 15 bankruptcy proceedings, or the bankruptcy stay.
- 638. Magalhaes sent at least two additional emails to Costco demanding the funds.
- 639. A few months later, Toy Quest Ltd. again attempted to seize Manley assets by filing papers demanding that the court in the Tennessee garnishment action involving the retailer Dollar General hand over to Toy Quest Ltd. approximately \$100,000 that Dollar General had paid into the court's registry in response to Aviva's garnishment of Manley accounts receivable.
- 640. The Bankruptcy Court imposed sanctions against Toy Quest Ltd., noting it was "the second time Toy Quest has taken actions against property that was subject to the Bankruptcy Stay without first appearing before this Court to seek relief."

- 10. Toy Quest Ltd. and Other SLB Companies Submitted False Proofs of Claim.
- 641. Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies submitted false proofs of claim in connection with Manley's liquidation and U.S. bankruptcy case. Those proofs of claim falsely alleged that the companies were creditors of Manley.
- 642. The gerrymandering of the creditor list had a direct impact on Manley's U.S. bankruptcy case because Manley's Liquidators expressly relied on the false proofs of claim in the U.S. proceedings.
- 643. The Liquidators' petition for chapter 15 recognition of the Hong Kong liquidation stated that Manley's "creditors" had authorized the Liquidators to act.

 Without the fraudulent proofs of claim, the Principals could not have filed the bankruptcy case.
- 644. Manley's Liquidators also relied on Toy Quest Ltd.'s fraudulent proof of claim when the Liquidators accepted money from Toy Quest Ltd. as a "funding creditor."
- 645. If Toy Quest Ltd. had been identified as owing money to Manley, the Liquidators' willingness to take Toy Quest Ltd.'s money and use it to block U.S. litigation would have been improper.
- 646. The Liquidators continued to rely on the fraudulent proofs of claim to oppose Aviva's efforts to obtain documents and make decisions related to the bankruptcy case.
- 647. Toy Quest Ltd. also appeared in the chapter 15 case and asserted its purported status as a Manley creditor.

- 11. Dubinsky and Others Made False Oaths and Declarations in Connection with Manley Bankruptcy Case.
- 648. Dubinsky and others made many false oaths in connection with Manley's bankruptcy case.
- 649. For example, the interrogatory answers that Samson Chan's son Gary Chan verified on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd. in the bankruptcy case were contradictory.
- 650. Toy Quest Ltd.'s original answers claimed that Gary Chan had approved Toy Quest Ltd.'s decision to participate in the Dollar General garnishment action in violation of the bankruptcy stay and that Dubinsky, Raucher, and Mann were "consulted."
- 651. The amended answers reversed the roles of Gary Chan and Dubinsky, stating that Dubinsky "approved" the decision, Gary Chan "consented to" the decision, and Raucher and Mann were "consulted."
- 652. Those answers cannot both be true. Accordingly, at least one of Chan's verifications under penalty of perjury was false.
- 653. In addition, during a deposition in Manley's bankruptcy case on September 26, 2017, Dubinsky falsely testified that he lacked knowledge about:
 - The relationship between Complex Trader (the alleged owner of Aquawood) and the Chan family;
 - The ownership of Complex Trader;
 - The products sold by Manley; and
 - Manley's use of the "Toy Quest" trade name.

- 654. Dubinsky also denied knowing—just months after submitting a declaration signed in Vancouver—whether he himself had ever been to Vancouver. (The point was relevant because, at around the time Dubinsky visited Vancouver, Toy Quest Ltd. submitted an affidavit from a purported Vancouver resident ("Gary Swerdlow") who provided a fake name and a nonexistent address, as discussed above.)
- 655. Similarly, on September 22, 2017, Gary Chan, who has acted on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and other SLB Companies, gave the following false testimony in a deposition taken in Manley's bankruptcy case:
 - That he lacked knowledge of the identity of the head of Park Lane—the company for which he allegedly worked;
 - That he lacked knowledge regarding the reason he is identified as a director of multiple Manley affiliates; and
 - That he had extremely limited information about Toy Quest Ltd.—the company whose interrogatory answers he already had verified.
 - G. Defendants Lied about the Importation and Distribution of SLB Products.
- 656. Defendants repeatedly have incorrectly described the sources and destinations of SLB Products so they can continue to make money in the U.S., while simultaneously hiding assets of SLB Companies and concealing the presence of assets in Iowa.

- 1. Defendants Falsely Identified Toy Quest Ltd. as the Seller of Goods on Customs and Shipping Records.
- 657. Multiple shipments of SLB Products in 2015 and 2016 were accompanied by false invoices and other documents that falsely identified Toy Quest Ltd. as the seller of goods that were actually sold by Manley using its "Toy Quest" trade name or another SLB Company.
- 658. The purpose of these fraudulent documents was to trick retailers into making payments to Toy Quest Ltd. of money actually owed to Manley or another SLB Company.
- 659. As discussed above, for example, Exhibits A-E to Aviva's Complaint list dozens of invoices that falsely represented to retailers that Toy Quest Ltd. sold the products in question, when in fact those products were sold by Manley.
- 660. Exhibit J to Aviva's Complaint is a table listing purchase orders placed by Bed Bath and Beyond between 2013 and 2016.
- 661. Exhibit K to Aviva's Complaint is a table listing the dates and ports of entries of shipments to Target in 2015 and 2016.
- 662. Each of the shipments reflected in Exhibits J and K was accompanied by invoices and other documents falsely claiming that Toy Quest Ltd. was the seller of the goods when in fact the seller was Manley, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, or another SLB Company.
- 663. Furthermore, Exhibit I to Aviva's Complaint identifies dozens of transactions totaling more than \$5 million in the months leading up to and following

Manley's bankruptcy case. To carry out those transactions, Dollar Empire and Wu conspired with the Principals, Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Toth, and the Iowa Entities to misrepresent the seller of SLB Products as Toy Quest Ltd. rather than Manley or another SLB Company.

- 2. Defendants Falsely Listed Dollar Empire as the "Importer of Record" on Customs Documents and Lied to Courts about It.
 - a. The SLB Enterprise Used Dollar Empire to Disguise the Destination of Its Products and the Source of Its Payments.
- 664. From at least 2014 to 2015, MTD was designated in customs documents as the consignee and importer of record for shipments sent from "Toy Quest Ltd.," even after MTD ostensibly had ceased to do business.
- 665. That arrangement concealed from customs officials and creditors the ultimate destination of the goods.
- 666. However, once MTD became vulnerable to its own U.S. judgments, including the judgments of the Iowa Claimants, it became less capable of shielding the SLB Enterprise from liability.
- 667. The SLB Enterprise turned to Dollar Empire to impede collection efforts by masking the final destination of products shipped to Iowa and elsewhere in the United States.
- 668. From 2016 through at least 2018, Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International, at the direction of the Principals and with the assistance of Park Lane, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, falsely listed Dollar Empire as "importer of record" for hundreds of tons of

"Banzai" water toys and other SLB Products worth millions of dollars. Those publicly available customs forms said that the SLB Products would end up at Dollar Empire in California.

- 669. The Chans, Liu, and Dubinsky knew that Wu would be willing to lie under oath—which he did—to conceal the nature and existence of shipments of SLB Products into the United States.
- 670. In reality, the SLB Enterprise continued to control where those products went, shipping the products directly to retailers in the United States, or sending the products to MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa to distribute.
- 671. Non-public documents like shipping records obtained from the shippers themselves expose that both Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International issued invoices bearing notations that the SLB Products were destined for Des Moines or other locations, contrary to the public customs declarations that the products were going to Dollar Empire in California.
- 672. Exhibit L to Aviva's Complaint, for example, shows 50 shipments spanning from January 2016 to July 2018 that Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and other SLB Companies purportedly shipped to Dollar Empire in California, but were actually sent to MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa.
- 673. The arrangement was intended to conceal the sources of payments to the SLB Enterprise, to hide assets from creditors like Aviva and the Iowa Claimants, and to make it harder for creditors to trace the SLB Enterprise's movement of money, so that the SLB Enterprise could continue its unlawful activities.

- 674. The scheme also disguised the final destination of products, effectively blocking Aviva from attempting to garnish money that could have been owed by retailers like Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, and Dick's Sporting Goods to Manley.
- 675. Toy Quest Ltd. originally orchestrated the use of Dollar Empire to mask the true destinations of SLB Products and the shipment of goods to and through Iowa.
- 676. The public Customs Entry Summary for a Toy Quest Ltd. shipment in June 2016, for example, identifies Dollar Empire as the importer of record, stating that the shipment would go to Dollar Empire in California.
- 677. But the non-public Toy Quest Ltd. invoices associated with the shipment—which contained an assortment of "Banzai" water toys and other SLB Products—reveal that the products actually were destined for "Toy Quest Customer Service" at the 700 New York address in Des Moines.
- 678. Banzai International subsequently entered into a sham consignment relationship with Dollar Empire.
- 679. The public Customs Entry Summary for a Banzai International shipment in April 2017, for example, again identifies Dollar Empire as the consignee and importer of record, stating that the shipment would go to Dollar Empire in California.
- 680. This time, the non-public Banzai International invoices associated with the shipment—which again contained "Banzai" water toys—revealed that the products were destined for "Banzai International Ltd. / Consignment 2017 / GL Group / Spring & Summer" at the 700 New York address in Des Moines.

- 681. A confidential witness has confirmed that Banzai International would ship products from China to California, and then move the products to Des Moines, where MGS would then be directed to send them out to customers like Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, and Dick's Sporting Goods. Park Lane also helped coordinate the customs paperwork and the actual movement of the Hong Kong Entities' products, as described above. Billing was handled by Aquawood and Dubinsky's staff in California.
- 682. Dollar Empire's designation as the importer of record for shipments from the SLB Enterprise also violated U.S. customs law.
- 683. Each shipment described above required the creation and submission of a fraudulent statement to U.S. Customs, because the Customs Entry Summary included a declaration that the signee is the "importer of record and that the actual owner, purchaser, or consignee for CBP purposes is as shown above, OR owner or purchaser or agent thereof."
- 684. That declaration was false for each shipment from a Hong Kong Entity to Dollar Empire, because Dollar Empire was not the owner, purchaser, consignee, or agent thereof of the SLB Products in that shipment.
- 685. Although Dollar Empire has given contradictory sworn statements on the subject (as discussed below), Dollar Empire most recently has denied that it was an owner or purchaser of the SLB Products that Banzai International sent to it. Dollar Empire also is not a licensed customs broker for the Port of Los Angeles or anywhere else.

- 686. The Customs Entry Summary declaration for each shipment also includes a certification that "the merchandise was obtained pursuant to a purchase or agreement to purchase and that the prices set forth in the Invoices are true."
- 687. Dollar Empire already has admitted that it had not made any "purchase or agreement to purchase" the SLB Products purportedly sent to it, and the declarations therefore were false in that respect.
- 688. Thus, Dollar Empire, at Wu's direction, knew about and consented to this scheme, and has allowed Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International fraudulently to use Dollar Empire's name on customs forms so that the SLB Enterprise can conceal the destination of SLB Products that it brings into Iowa and elsewhere in the United States.
- 689. The Hong Kong Entities responsible for each shipment knowingly caused their attorneys-in-fact falsely to declare that the conditions for entry of the SLB Products into the United States had been met.
- 690. Aquawood and MGS personnel also have colluded in the purported "consignee" relationship between Dollar Empire and the SLB Enterprise and have assisted the SLB Enterprise in sending "consigned" goods to U.S. retailers.
- 691. As a result of this ongoing criminal conduct, the SLB Enterprise has been able to import and sell thousands of tons and millions of dollars of SLB Products in the United States while hiding the nature of much of its business, including the destination of its products and the source of its payments, from Aviva and other independent creditors who have been deprived of the ability to enforce judgments against SLB Companies.

- 692. Moreover, the prices set forth in the invoices for SLB Products purportedly sold to Dollar Empire—but actually sent to MTD, Toy Network and/or MGS in Iowa—were far below the prices of SLB Products actually delivered to retailers. Examples of such false pricing include, but are not limited to, each of the shipments identified in Exhibit L.
- 693. Some, and perhaps all, of the SLB Products sent to Iowa were intended for specific third-party retailers or customers, who paid or would pay prices significantly higher than the amounts reported to U.S. Customs. Indeed, although all of the invoices identified Dollar Empire as the purchaser, some of the shipping marks or carton main marks actually listed customers such as Leisure Systems, Scheels, Buy Buy Baby, and other retailers as the real recipients.
- 694. By underreporting the prices of the SLB Products sent to Iowa, the Hong Kong Entities also reduced the Merchandise Processing Fee and Harbor Maintenance Fee charged by U.S. Customs on each shipment and thereby defrauded the United States government.
- 695. In addition, to the extent that taxes, duties, or other charges were based on the reported invoice prices, the underreporting of those prices would fraudulently reduce the amounts paid for those taxes, duties, or other charges.

- b. Wu Lied to a Federal Court about Dollar Empire's Relationship with Banzai International.
- 696. Wu has submitted several materially false statements, under penalty of perjury, to the Central District of California about Banzai International's agreement with Dollar Empire.
- 697. He has made mutually exclusive factual representations in different sworn declarations, while essentially confessing to Dollar Empire's participation in the recording of sham transactions on official customs documents.
- 698. On July 24, 2017 and July 26, 2017, in response to Aviva's subpoena, Dollar Empire represented that it had import records for shipments from Banzai International, which an importer of record is required to maintain under federal law.
- 699. While Dollar Empire did not actually produce those records, Dollar Empire told the court—with bold, italicized emphasis—not only that Dollar Empire had import records from Banzai International, but also that Dollar Empire had offered to produce those records to Aviva:

Dollar Empire offered to produce its import records during the meet and confer process. (See Ex. B to Declaration of Stephen Z. Boren, attached to original Motion.) Dollar Empire never said it keeps no records; it merely explained how it keeps records, and it keeps customer records separate from import records.

(Emphasis in original.)

700. Then, in an August 15, 2017 declaration submitted to the court, Wu claimed that Dollar Empire was "just a customer" of Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International and had no special relationship with either company.

- 701. In September 2017, Dollar Empire was ordered to produce information involving purchases from several SLB Companies, including Banzai International.
- 702. Dollar Empire, however, failed to produce any documents regarding purchases from Banzai International.
- 703. On October 3, 2017, Dollar Empire argued that it should not have to produce any documents about Banzai International because Dollar Empire was merely a "consignee" for Banzai International shipments and—despite Wu's earlier declaration under penalty of perjury to the contrary—had never been a customer of Banzai International.
- 704. The court then ordered Dollar Empire to produce any consignment agreements with Manley-related entities and any documents showing Dollar Empire receiving or forwarding goods as a consignee, as well as documents reflecting revenue associated with those goods in 2016 and 2017.
- 705. But in a subsequent declaration dated January 12, 2018, Wu claimed, on behalf of Dollar Empire, that Dollar Empire had no import records for any of the "consignment" shipments—notwithstanding his prior statements to the contrary.
- 706. Wu also claimed, on behalf of Dollar Empire, that Dollar Empire had never received physical possession of the "consigned" goods and had no interest in the goods whatsoever.
- 707. At a minimum, Wu's claim that Dollar Empire never received physical possession of the "consigned" goods was false.

- 708. Emails obtained from Dollar Empire show the company communicating with Aquawood and Park Lane employees, including Toth (using an Aquawood "Epic Studios" email address), to coordinate shipments of goods to retailers.
- 709. Based on documents produced by Dollar Empire, none of those goods had been purchased by Dollar Empire.
- 710. Since at least some of those shipments originated from Dollar Empire's own warehouse, Dollar Empire therefore had at least some so-called "consigned" goods in its possession.
- 711. The court then ordered Dollar Empire to explain its consignment relationship with Banzai International and account for any revenue received.
- 712. In response, Wu submitted a declaration dated August 7, 2018, in which he asserted, on behalf of Dollar Empire, that Dollar Empire has a "commercial relationship" with Banzai International and allows Banzai International to use Dollar Empire's company name as a "consignee" on Banzai International's shipments.
- 713. In that version of Wu's story to the court, he facilitates a "commercial relationship" in which he allows Banzai International to list Dollar Empire as "consignee" even though (a) Dollar Empire does not take any goods into its own possession and (b) lacks the credentials necessary to serve as "consignee" for imported goods.
- 714. Wu continued to deny that Dollar Empire took any actions in its alleged role as "consignee," despite the emails demonstrating that Dollar Empire regularly

conferred with SLB Company employees as to where—including Iowa—Dollar Empire should direct the SLB Products in its warehouse.

- 715. Wu also claimed that Dollar Empire receives no revenue for its "commercial relationship" with Banzai International.
- 716. However, Wu failed to explain why Dollar Empire would agree to participate in an arrangement designed to create false customs records for tons of imported products if Dollar Empire received nothing of value.
- 717. The various statements by Wu and Dollar Empire conflict with numerous documents submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Protection by shipping companies.
- 718. These documents list Dollar Empire as the consignee and importer of record for dozens of shipments, many of which were accompanied by Banzai International invoices that identify Dollar Empire as the "purchaser" of the goods and state that the goods would be sent to Des Moines, Iowa, to MGS or another SLB Company.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I: FRAUD

(Against the Civil Fraud Defendants)

- 719. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.
- 720. As set forth above, the Civil Fraud Defendants made or caused to be made materially false representations and omissions of material facts susceptible of knowledge, with the knowledge that the representations or omissions were false (or without knowing whether they were true or false), and with the intention to induce another to act in reliance thereon. These false representations or omissions caused Aviva and other creditors to act in reliance thereon, causing Aviva to suffer pecuniary damages as a result of the reliance.

Misrepresentations to Manley's Retailers

- 721. The Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and Magalhaes caused SLB Enterprise representatives to make material misrepresentations to at least nine different retailers between 2013 and 2015, falsely claiming that the business Manley conducted under its "Toy Quest" and "Toy Quest Ltd." trade names was actually conducted by a separate company, Defendant Toy Quest Ltd.
- 722. In the paragraphs and tables above, and in the attached exhibits, Aviva has identified dozens of fraudulent communications that furthered the RICO Defendants' fraudulent scheme. Every single line on a table or exhibit constitutes a fraudulent communication. Many other fraudulent communications occurred, but the specific details of such communications are not known to Aviva because they are in the

possession of the RICO Defendants, who have blocked Aviva from obtaining meaningful discovery.

- 723. For example, on June 13, 2014, Anthony Cheng, a SLB Enterprise representative in Hong Kong, emailed Tina Taylor, a Big Lots representative in Columbus, Ohio, attaching a letter requesting a "change of vendor name."
- 724. The email falsely claimed that the reason for the change was for "Toy Quest to be the face of the company," when in fact, as the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., and Magalhaes well knew, the reason for the change was to allow the SLB Enterprise to evade independent creditors by creating a false and misleading paper trail.
- 725. Cheng further requested that future purchase orders be issued under the Toy Quest Ltd. name, which would ensure that independent creditors like Aviva would be induced to rely on Manley's material misrepresentation.
- 726. SLB Enterprise representatives made similar material misrepresentations to other retailers through emails and letters sent between June 2013 and November 2015, making the material misrepresentation that the retailers had been doing business with Toy Quest Ltd., and inducing retailers to create business records documenting the material misrepresentation.
- 727. The Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and Magalhaes knew that those material misrepresentations were false, because Manley employees continued to conduct business as Manley, selling the same Manley products to the same Manley customers.
- 728. On November 17, 2014, Gary Wong, a SLB Enterprise representative, emailed Kathy Gahm, a representative of Colony Brands, Inc., with a subject line that

referred to a purchase order for "Toy Quest Ltd. (Manley Toys . . .)." The sender of the email had a "manley.com.hk" email address and an email signature that identified himself as a Manley representative, but introduced himself as "Gary Wong from Toy Quest Ltd."

- 729. On July 8, 2016, Lynn Mitchell, as Costco representative, noted in an email to Peter Magalhaes, a SLB Enterprise representative, that Manley and Toy Quest Ltd. shared personnel, mailing addresses, and email addresses, all with email addresses ending in "manley.com.hk," and the same accounts payable address.
- 730. On August 8, 2014, months after SLB Enterprise representatives claimed Manley was doing business as Toy Quest Ltd., Toy Quest Ltd. stated in sworn court filings that it had "no employees." In January 2016, Toy Quest Ltd. likewise represented in federal court that Toy Quest Ltd. "does not engage in sales in the United States" and "does not transact any business in the United States."
- 731. Manley employees masquerading as "Toy Quest Ltd." sold Crayola products in the United States in 2013 and 2014, although only Manley and Aquawood were authorized to sell Crayola products in the United States.
- 732. Until shortly before Manley's liquidation, Manley continued to fill "Toy Quest Ltd." orders. For example, in November 2014, five invoices were issued on Manley letterhead for purchase orders from Michaels Stores, Inc. The same invoices were subsequently reissued—with the same invoice numbers, purchase order numbers, and dates—on "Toy Quest" letterhead.
- 733. Until shortly before Manley's liquidation, Manley continued to be listed as the ultimate payment beneficiary on purchase orders placed with "Toy Quest Ltd."

- 734. The Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and Magalhaes made or caused to be made the material false representations to induce retailers and other third parties to create numerous records, including purchase orders, invoices, and import records that identified Manley assets as belonging to Toy Quest Ltd.
- 735. The Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and Magalhaes further intended for Aviva to act in reliance on the purchase orders and other records identifying Manley assets as belonging to Toy Quest Ltd. by causing Aviva to decline to garnish or otherwise seize the Manley assets that Aviva was entitled to collect pursuant to its judgment against Manley.
- 736. Aviva detrimentally relied on these materially false representations to retailers when it attempted to garnish funds from Manley's debtors.
- 737. In instances where it obtained evidence disproving these materially false representations, Aviva pursued appropriate legal remedies. On January 4, 2016, for example, Aviva successfully obtained a judgment in Texas for approximately \$140,000 held by Michaels owed to Manley, as well as attorneys' fees.
- 738. Once the Bankruptcy Court stayed all U.S. proceedings involving Manley, however, Aviva was unable to seek further enforcement of the Minnesota judgment, including garnishments to other retailers and a Tennessee motion for turnover of garnished funds that was pending at the time of Manley's bankruptcy filing.
- 739. As a direct and proximate result of Aviva's actions in reliance on these false representations to retailers, Aviva has been injured in its business and property in

that Aviva has only collected approximately \$140,000 of its \$8,588,931.59 judgment against Manley.

Misrepresentations and Omissions in Litigation

- 740. The Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, and MTD made or caused to be made false statements and omissions during post-judgment discovery and garnishment proceedings in federal courts, all to prevent Aviva from collecting on its judgments.
- 741. The Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, and MTD each have omitted or caused Aquawood, Manley, Dollar Empire, and/or MTD to omit material facts during post-judgment discovery and garnishment proceedings by withholding from Aviva and federal courts certain answers, information, and documents (the "judgment enforcement materials") as follows:
 - a) In violation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the District of Minnesota's orders, the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, and Park Lane caused the withholding and concealment of information responsive to Aviva's post-judgment discovery interrogatories, including information regarding the assets, debts, fiduciaries, personnel, shareholders, and business of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and related SLB Companies, including Manley's connections to Toy Quest Ltd.;
 - b) In violation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the District of Minnesota's orders, the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai

International, Aquawood, and Park Lane caused the withholding and concealment of documents and communications responsive to Aviva's post-judgment discovery document requests, including documents and communications regarding the assets, judgments, debts, fiduciaries, personnel, shareholders, initial capitalization, products, plans, and business of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and related SLB Companies, including Manley's connections to other SLB Companies,;

- c) In violation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Dollar Empire and Wu caused the withholding and concealment of information regarding the nature and extent of Dollar Empire's relationship with the SLB Enterprise; and
- d) In violation of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69(a), Iowa Code § 642.6, and an order issued by the Southern District of Iowa, the Principals, Toth, and MTD caused the withholding and concealment of information about MTD's financial ties to Toy Quest Ltd. and Manley and MTD's knowledge about debts to those entities, all of which was responsive to Aviva's garnishment interrogatories.
- 742. In omitting facts and information which were susceptible of knowledge, the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, and Park Lane knew that they were creating a clearly false record when Aquawood, MTD, and Manley deliberately and fraudulently withheld the judgment enforcement materials even though,

as the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, and Park Lane well knew, they had access to and control over the judgment enforcement materials as well as a legal duty to disclose them under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Iowa Code, and/or court orders.

- 743. In addition to causing material omissions to be made, the Principals and others made material misrepresentations that compounded the impact of those omissions.
- 744. For example, on April 20, 2018, the Principals, Toth, and MTD caused to be electronically filed with the Southern District of Iowa a signed declaration of "Li Wong" (the "Corporate Secretary" of MTD's corporate owner), made under penalty of perjury, which was materially false with respect to one or more alleged facts as follows.
 - a) The declaration falsely stated that MTD had "never done business at the address of 700 New York Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa," when in fact, as MTD and the Principals well knew, MTD had in fact done business at that address.
 - b) The declaration falsely stated that MTD "has had no employees in the United States [sic] 2013" when in fact, as MTD and the Principals well knew, MTD had employees in the United States during and after 2013.
- 745. On or about December 21, 2016, Samson Chan, Dubinsky, and Alan Chan each caused to be electronically filed with the District of Minnesota a signed declaration, made under penalty of perjury, that was materially false with respect to one or more alleged facts, as follows.

- a) Chan falsely stated in his declaration that he "retired" from "day-to-day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 when in fact, as he well knew, Chan continued to play these roles as of the date of his false declaration.
- b) Chan also falsely stated in his declarations that he "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" when in fact, as Chan well knew, he was aware of and made decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to that post-judgment discovery.
- Dubinsky falsely stated in his declaration that "at no time did Aquawood or myself have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley when in fact, as Dubinsky well knew, he had possessed and exercised such authority, including but not limited to decisions with the pending post-judgment discovery.
- d) Alan Chan falsely stated in his declaration that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of his "job responsibilities" when in fact, as he well knew, making such decisions was part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities.
- 746. On or about July 26, 2017, Dollar Empire and Wu each caused Dollar Empire's counsel to falsely represent to the Central District of California that Dollar Empire kept and maintained import records for shipments from the SLB Enterprise.

- 747. On or about August 15, 2017, Dollar Empire and Wu each caused to be electronically filed with the Central District of California a signed declaration under penalty of perjury that was materially false with respect to the alleged fact that Dollar Empire was "just a customer" of Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International.
- 748. On or about October 3, 2017, Dollar Empire and Wu each caused Dollar Empire's counsel to falsely represent that Dollar Empire was a consignee of the SLB Enterprise.
- 749. On or about July 3, 2018, the Principals and Park Lane each caused to be electronically filed with the Minnesota Federal Court at least one signed declaration, made under penalty of perjury, that was materially false with respect to one or more alleged facts, as follows.
 - a) Chan falsely stated in his declaration that he "retired" from "day-to-day operation[s]" and being "CEO" of Manley in 2011 when in fact, as he well knew, Chan continued to play these roles as of the date of his false declaration.
 - b) Liu and Chan each falsely stated in their respective declarations that he or she "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" when in fact, as both Liu and Chan well knew, each of them was aware of and made decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to that post-judgment discovery.

- Dubinsky falsely stated in his declaration that "at no time did Aquawood or myself have any control over or decision-making authority" with respect to Manley when in fact, as Dubinsky well knew, he had possessed and exercised such authority, including but not limited to decisions with the pending post-judgment discovery.
- d) Alan Chan falsely stated in his declaration that making "decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" was not part of his "job responsibilities" when in fact, as he well knew, making such decisions was part of Alan Chan's job responsibilities.
- e) Through its "Manager" Po Kin Lee, Park Lane falsely stated in a declaration that Park Lane "was not aware of and made no decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to the post-judgment discovery at issue on this motion" when in fact, as Park Lane well knew, Park Lane was aware of and made decisions on behalf of Manley with respect to that post-judgment discovery.
- 750. Each of the above declarations in federal court filings was susceptible of knowledge, materially false, and made with the knowledge of the falsity of the representations.
- 751. The Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, MTD, and Park Lane caused these false statements and

omissions to be made to preclude Aviva from being able to enforce the Minnesota and Iowa judgments.

- 752. The Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, MTD, and Park Lane also caused these false statements and omissions to be made to induce Aviva to pursue certain judgment enforcement efforts without the benefit of the judgment enforcement materials.
- 753. As a result of the omissions caused by the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, and MTD, Aviva attempted to enforce its judgment against MTD without the benefit of the judgment enforcement materials.
- 754. As a result of the omissions caused by the Principals, Toy Quest Ltd.,
 Banzai International, Aquawood, Toth, and MTD, Aviva attempted to enforce its
 judgment against Manley—prior to the entry of the bankruptcy stay—without the benefit
 of the judgment enforcement materials.
- 755. As a result of the omissions by the Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, MTD, and Park Lane, Aviva was precluded from pursuing certain judgment enforcement efforts against MTD and Manley.
- 756. As a result of its reliance on the omissions caused by the Principals, the Executives, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Aquawood, Dollar Empire, and MTD, Aviva has been unable to collect more than \$8.4 million of its judgment against Manley while expending substantial costs and expenses on those judgment enforcement efforts that Aviva has been permitted to take.

COUNT II: ABUSE OF PROCESS

(Against the Sham Litigation Defendants)

- 757. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.
- 758. As set forth above, on at least three occasions the Sham Litigation

 Defendants used litigation in U.S. courts for ulterior motives in order to accomplish a result not within the scope of the proceedings.

Wellmax and Toy Quest Ltd.

- 759. After Aviva filed a motion for judgment in the Middle District of Tennessee to obtain funds owed by Dollar General to the SLB Enterprise, Wellmax contested the garnishment by asserting a security interest in the funds.
- 760. The Principals coordinated an attempt by Wellmax and Toy Quest Ltd. to interfere with Aviva's garnishments against Dollar General, which was holding money owed to Manley.
- 761. The purpose of asserting a good faith security interest is to protect the interest of valid creditors.
- 762. Wellmax provided no legal or factual basis for asserting its sham security interest.
- 763. Toy Quest Ltd., represented by Novack, filed its own frivolous opposition, demanding approximately \$100,000 of the Dollar General funds.
- 764. Once Aviva demonstrated that Wellmax had no legitimate security interest in the funds, Wellmax withdrew from the Tennessee action within a few hours of Toy Quest Ltd. entering an appearance.

- 765. Upon learning of Toy Quest Ltd.'s attempt to seize the Dollar General funds, which were also subject to the bankruptcy stay, the Bankruptcy Court imposed sanctions against Toy Quest Ltd.
- 766. Wellmax and Toy Quest Ltd.'s coordinated back-to-back frivolous oppositions to Aviva's Motion for Judgment were made with the ulterior motive of further concealing Manley assets and evading its creditors, a purpose which is beyond the scope of the garnishment proceedings in the Tennessee action.

Jun Tai and Winning

- 767. At the direction of the Principals, funded by Toy Quest Ltd., and with the assistance of Mann and Novack, Jun Tai and Winning filed a motion to intervene in the case in which Aviva obtained its judgment against Manley, shortly after Aviva filed a sanctions motion against Manley.
- 768. A party may intervene in a case before a federal court if the party claims an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action, and that interest is not being properly represented before the court.
- 769. The District of Minnesota denied Jun Tai and Winning's motion to intervene as "grossly deficient," failing to set forth any factual support or comply with basic procedural requirements.
- 770. The sham motion to intervene was filed with the ulterior motive of delaying the sanctions proceedings to allow the Principals to begin Manley's liquidations proceedings and avoid an adverse ruling by the District of Minnesota.

771. Delaying the District of Minnesota proceedings for these purposes was outside the proper scope of these proceedings.

Bankruptcy Proceedings

- 772. The Principals, assisted by Mann and Novack, caused Manley to initiate chapter 15 liquidation proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court in March 2016, days before the sanctions hearing was scheduled before the District of Minnesota.
- 773. The purpose of chapter 15 liquidation proceedings is to encourage cooperation between the United States and foreign countries involved in cross-border insolvency cases, ensure greater legal certainty for trade and investment, protect the interests of all creditors and other interested entities, protect and maximize the value of the debtor's assets, and facilitate the rescue of financially troubled businesses.
- 774. Acknowledging the mountain of evidence against Manley and the Principals, the Bankruptcy Court acknowledged that it had "no doubt that Toy Quest and other insiders have taken actions to avoid paying Aviva's claims," that Manley's "actions in various courts in the United States appears to have been improper," and that Manley's "decision to enter into liquidation may have been the latest step in an effort to avoid a day of reckoning in the United States."
- 775. Although the Principals initiated chapter 15 proceedings with the ulterior motive of evading Aviva's judgment, as well as debts owed to other creditors in the United States, the Bankruptcy Court ultimately found that the Principals' actions did not preclude recognition.

- and delayed in pursuing sanctions for the Principals' actions. As a direct and proximate result of the Sham Litigation Defendants' abuse of process, Aviva has been injured in its business and property in that Aviva has only collected approximately \$140,000 of its \$8,588,931.59 judgment and has incurred substantial costs and expenses in its efforts to enforce and recover the judgment through garnishment.
- 777. The Liquidators have stated that the liquidation will conclude with no distribution to independent creditors, and the Liquidators will close the proceedings without pursuing any alter ego or fraudulent transfer claims.

COUNT III: CIVIL CONSPIRACY

(Against All Defendants)

- 778. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.
- 779. As set forth herein, each of the Defendants engaged in a civil conspiracy to commit fraud, as alleged in Count I, and/or to abuse process, as alleged in Count II.
- 780. The Principals, the Executives, Magalhaes, Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, the Iowa Entities, and Dollar Empire engaged in a civil conspiracy to commit fraud, as alleged in Count I.
- 781. The Principals, Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Jun Tai, Winning, and Wellmax engaged in a civil conspiracy to abuse process, as alleged in Count II.
- 782. Each of the Defendants worked together with one or more persons to accomplish an unlawful purpose and/or an unlawful act by unlawful means.
- 783. Each of the conspiracies described in this count is a continuing conspiracy, and the overt acts performed in compliance with the conspiracy's objective(s) are ongoing and/or have occurred within the last year.
- 784. Each Defendant's actions and omissions in furtherance of the conspiracy, proximately caused and/or substantially contributed to Aviva's losses by depriving it of the money due from its judgments, as alleged in this Complaint.
- 785. To the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.

COUNT IV: RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(C)

(Against the RICO Defendants)

- 786. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.
- 787. At all relevant times, Aviva and all RICO Defendants were "persons" under 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3) because they were individuals or entities capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property.

Enterprise

- 788. The SLB Enterprise was an ongoing and continuing association-in-fact consisting of legal individuals and entities, including each of the RICO Defendants and other SLB Companies.
- 789. The existence of the SLB Enterprise is confirmed by the findings of numerous courts, Dubinsky's "one step ahead" confession, and SLB Product promotional materials, websites and manuals, which link almost all of the Defendants together in one way or another.
- 790. The SLB Enterprise has an existence separate and distinct from each RICO Defendant.
- 791. The individual RICO Defendants—Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Lisa Liu, Brian Dubinsky, Richard Toth, and Michael Wu—have had personal and business relationships for decades. Those individual RICO Defendants control, operate, use, and (with the possible exception of Toth) are the beneficial owners of the entity RICO

Defendants—Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and Dollar Empire.

- 792. The SLB Enterprise is engaged in, and its activities affect, interstate commerce. The SLB Enterprise conducted commercial activities across state and international lines, including the manufacture, export, import, sale, distribution, and shipment of SLB Products from Hong Kong to and throughout the U.S., and the corresponding receipt of money from the sale of those products.
- 793. The SLB Enterprise functions as a continuing unit that has pursued a common purpose for years—to make money in the United States through the sale of SLB Products while minimizing and evading judgments that members of the SLB Enterprise accrue in the United States, such as Aviva's judgment.

Conduct

- 794. Each of the RICO Defendants is employed by or associated with the SLB Enterprise. Each of the RICO Defendants also has directly and indirectly conducted and participated in the operation or management of the SLB Enterprise.
- 795. Some of the individual Defendants are the SLB Enterprise's main beneficiaries. Some are not the main beneficiaries. The roles of the entity Defendants have varied over time, as a main feature of the SLB Enterprise is that SLB Companies can come and go as needed, but they all have been integral to the enterprise.
- 796. Samson Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky have controlled the SLB Enterprise for years. Their control was not limited to any one company, but instead spanned the entire enterprise. Alan Chan also has a key leadership role in the enterprise's activities,

including directing litigation on behalf of the enterprise. Toth runs the day-to-day operations in Iowa.

- 797. Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, and Park Lane in Hong Kong have worked with Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and Dollar Empire in the United States to sell, import, and distribute SLB Products, and to collect money from customers. Those companies have swapped names, misled retailers, manipulated import documents, falsified financial records, and submitted fraudulent court papers to accomplish the SLB Enterprise's goal of evading U.S. judgments.
- 798. Wu and Dollar Empire, in conjunction with the Hong Kong Entities, the Iowa Entities, and Aquawood, played a pivotal part in disguising the ultimate destination of SLB Products, making it appear as if SLB Products were no longer flowing through Iowa, and improperly transferring assets out of the U.S. that could have been used to satisfy judgments, including Aviva's judgment.

Pattern of Predicate Acts

- 799. Each of the RICO Defendants agreed to and did conduct and participate in the conduct of the SLB Enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity and for the unlawful purpose of intentionally defrauding Aviva.
- 800. Each RICO Defendant has committed at least two of the predicate acts discussed below.

A. Wire Fraud – 18 U.S.C. § 1343

801. Each of the RICO Defendants has committed wire fraud pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

- 802. Each of the RICO Defendants devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud Aviva and other judgment creditors of SLB Companies, and to obtain money and property through false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises. Each of the RICO Defendants transmitted or caused to be transmitted, by means of wire, radio, or television communication in interstate or foreign commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice.
- 803. In the paragraphs and tables above, and in the attached exhibits, Aviva has identified dozens of wire communications sent in interstate or foreign commerce that furthered the RICO Defendants' fraudulent scheme. Every single line on a table or exhibit constitutes a fraudulent wire communication. Many other fraudulent wire communications occurred, but the specific details of such communications are not known to Aviva because they are in the possession of the RICO Defendants, who have blocked Aviva from obtaining meaningful discovery.
- 804. Categories of wire communications that furthered the RICO Defendants' fraudulent scheme include the following:
- 805. From about June 2013 to Manley's liquidation in March 2016, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly sent or caused to be sent emails to retailers in other states and countries that made material omissions and misrepresentations about the operations and assets of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and the Iowa Judgment Debtors; the relationships

among Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and the Iowa Judgment Debtors; and whether the retailers were conducting business with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.

- 806. Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication.
- 807. In the same time period, those same RICO Defendants knowingly sent or caused to be sent electronically invoices to multiple retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed that money to Manley. (See Exhibits A-D to Aviva's Complaint.) While Aviva is aware of dozens of such invoices, there are likely hundreds more.
 - 808. Each of those invoices is a fraudulent wire communication.
- 809. In addition to those RICO Defendants, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that furthered the fraudulent scheme by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution of the SLB Products associated with those invoices.
 - 810. Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication.
- 811. After Manley's liquidation in March 2016, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly continued to send or cause to be sent electronically invoices to retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay money to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed money to Manley. (See Exhibits E & L to Aviva's Complaint.) While Aviva is aware of dozens of such invoices, there are likely hundreds more.
 - 812. Each of those invoices is a fraudulent wire communication.

- 813. In addition to those RICO Defendants, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that furthered the fraudulent scheme by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution of the SLB Products associated with those invoices.
 - 814. Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication.
- 815. Both before and after Manley's liquidation, the retailers, including Big Lots, Dollar General, Michaels, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Target, relied on these fraudulent wire communications to make changes to their vendor systems and to pay millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd. that actually were owed to Manley. (See Exhibits G & H to Aviva's Complaint.)
- 816. At Wu's direction, Dollar Empire paid more than \$3 million to Toy Quest Ltd. that Wu and Dollar Empire knew was actually owed to Manley. (See Exhibit F to Aviva's Complaint.)
- 817. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Wu, Dollar Empire, and possibly other RICO Defendants thus knowingly sent or caused to be sent the wire communications that effectuated these financial transactions in interstate or foreign commerce.
- 818. The fraudulently induced payments to Toy Quest Ltd. in turn allowed Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants to falsify the sales and financial records of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and likely other SLB Companies in an effort to make it appear that Manley had no assets.

- 819. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants then sent or caused to be sent electronically those financial records to Manley's Liquidators, lawyers in the United States, the Bankruptcy Court, and creditors, who all relied on them.
- 820. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants also knowingly submitted or caused to be submitted electronic filings in courts across the United States that contained dozens of material omissions and misrepresentations about the operations and assets of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd., including false statements that the companies kept separate accounts and did not comingle funds and that funds owed to Manley were owed to Toy Quest Ltd.
- 821. Those RICO Defendants likewise knowingly made or caused to be made fraudulent submissions to courts about the RICO Defendants' roles and responsibilities with respect to Manley and other SLB Companies and the existence, location, and accessibility of documents and assets.
- 822. Courts, retailers, creditors, and Manley's Liquidators relied on those fraudulent court submissions.
- 823. The purpose of all of these thousands of fraudulent wire communications was to allow the SLB Enterprise to continue doing business in the United States while evading judgments entered against Manley and the Iowa Judgment Debtors and concealing documents and information relevant to the enforcement of those judgments.

- 824. Aviva's ability to describe with more precision the assets that were hidden by the RICO Defendants is limited because of the RICO Defendants' hiding of, destruction of, and refusal to provide relevant information.
- 825. In addition, starting in 2016 and continuing through at least 2018, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar Empire knowingly have sent or caused to be sent wire communications in furtherance of a fraudulent scheme to conceal the final destination of SLB Products and that those products were flowing through Iowa.
- 826. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Wu, and Dollar Empire knowingly have transmitted or caused to be transmitted electronically customs documents that falsely identify Dollar Empire as the consignee or importer of record for hundreds of tons of SLB Products worth millions of dollars, stating that the products would end up with Dollar Empire in California. (See Exhibit L to Aviva's Complaint.)
 - 827. Each of those customs documents is a fraudulent wire communication.
- 828. In many instances, the customs documents should have listed the importer of record as an SLB Company, such as Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, or MGS.
- 829. In reality, some of those SLB Products were sent directly to retailers across the country at the direction of Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, or MGS.

- 830. Other SLB Products were sent to MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in Iowa, and then distributed to retailers across the country.
- 831. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar Empire also knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails that furthered the sham consignment scheme by coordinating the movement of goods around the country, from California to Iowa to the retailers.
 - 832. Each of those emails is a fraudulent wire communication.
- 833. Customs officials, retailers, and creditors relied on the fraudulent customs documents and emails.
- 834. Had customs officials known that the customs documents contained false information, the SLB Products likely would not have been admitted into the United States.

B. Bankruptcy Crimes – 18 U.S.C. § 152

835. Each of the RICO Defendants has committed bankruptcy crimes pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 152.

1. Fraudulent Concealment of Property – 18 U.S.C. § 152(1)

836. All of the RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(1) by knowingly and fraudulently concealing property belonging to the estate of a debtor (Manley) from both (a) officers of the court charged with the control or custody of property (Manley's Liquidators) and (b) independent creditors, in connection with a case under title 11.

- 837. As described above, each RICO Defendant played a part in knowingly and fraudulently concealing millions of dollars of Manley's accounts receivable owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest" trade name.
- 838. Those Manley assets were fraudulently concealed from Manley's Liquidators and creditors, including Aviva.
- 839. Many of the fraudulent wire communications discussed above served the purpose of concealing Manley assets.
- 840. Each RICO Defendant helped to conceal Manley assets both before and after Manley's bankruptcy case was filed.
- 841. As described above, after Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, all of the RICO Defendants participated in transferring Manley assets out of the country, in violation of the bankruptcy stay.
- 842. In addition, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly and fraudulently concealed from the Liquidators and creditors a substantial portion of Manley's books and records, including all of Manley's emails; documents related to bank loans made to Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and other SLB Companies; and all of Manley's books and records in California and Iowa.

- 2. Making False Oaths in Manley's Bankruptcy Case 18 U.S.C. § 152(2)
- 843. Dubinsky violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(2) by knowingly and fraudulently making false oaths or accounts in his September 26, 2017 deposition in Manley's bankruptcy case.
- 844. Gary Chan, who was acting on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd., also violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(2) by knowingly and fraudulently making false oaths or accounts in his September 22, 2017 deposition in Manley's bankruptcy case.
 - 3. Making False Declarations in Manley's Bankruptcy Case 18 U.S.C. § 152(3)
- 845. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and possibly other RICO Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(3) by knowingly and fraudulently causing Manley's Liquidators to make false statements under penalty of perjury about Manley's financial condition.
- 846. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and Toy Quest Ltd. also violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(3) by knowingly and fraudulently causing Gary Chan to make false statements under penalty of perjury on behalf of Toy Quest Ltd. in Manley's bankruptcy case.
- 847. Toy Quest Ltd.'s original and amended interrogatory answers served in Manley's bankruptcy case, both of which were verified by Gary Chan, were contradictory. Therefore, at least one of them was false.

4. Presenting False Claims for Proof – 18 U.S.C. § 152(4)

- 848. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., and possibly other RICO Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(4) by knowingly and fraudulently causing Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies to present false claims for proof against Manley, and using those claims in Manley's bankruptcy case.
- 849. Those claims for proof falsely alleged that Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies such as Manley Fashion were creditors of Manley, when in fact they were debtors of Manley.
- 850. Without the false claims for proof, the Principals could not have authorized the Liquidators to file the petition for chapter 15 recognition because less than half of Manley's total liabilities would have been owed to SLB Companies under the Principals' control.
- 851. Without Toy Quest Ltd.'s false claim for proof, the Liquidators also could not have used money from Toy Quest Ltd. to fund Manley's bankruptcy case.
- 852. The Bankruptcy Court relied expressly on Toy Quest Ltd.'s purported status as a creditor, as reported in its claim for proof, in allowing multiple actions by Manley's Liquidators that were funded by Toy Quest Ltd. and, later, in recognizing Manley's liquidation pursuant to chapter 15.
- 853. The Liquidators continued to rely on the false claims for proof throughout Manley's bankruptcy case to oppose Aviva's efforts to obtain documents and information and in support of other forms of relief sought pursuant to chapter 15.

- 854. At the direction of Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky, Toy

 Quest Ltd. used its false claim for proof in Manley's bankruptcy proceeding for purposes
 of appearing in the bankruptcy case and asserting its status as a Manley creditor.
- 855. At the direction of Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, and Dubinsky, Toy
 Quest Ltd. filed false statements in connection with a litigated dispute over the ownership
 of property that arguably was property of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.'s alleged violation
 of the bankruptcy stay. The Bankruptcy Court eventually sanctioned Toy Quest Ltd. for
 violating the stay.

5. Fraudulently Receiving Property – 18 U.S.C. § 152(5)

- 856. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(5) by knowingly and fraudulently receiving, or causing others knowingly and fraudulently to receive, a material amount of property belonging to Manley, including payments as well as books and records, after Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, with the intent to defeat the provisions of title 11.
- 857. Since Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, Toy Quest Ltd. improperly has taken more than \$7 million of Manley's money, including millions of dollars owed to Manley by Dollar Empire, and then (upon information and belief) passed those assets to Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants.

- 858. Banzai International fraudulently received Manley assets through its purchase of purported Toy Quest Ltd. assets.
- 859. The RICO Defendants intended to defeat the provisions of title 11 by keeping Manley's assets within the SLB Enterprise instead of allowing them to be distributed to Manley's creditors.
- 860. In addition, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly and fraudulently received a substantial portion of Manley's books and records that had been concealed from the Liquidators and creditors.
- 861. Those RICO Defendants intended to defeat the provisions of title 11 by taking and hiding information that would expose additional Manley assets that should be distributed to Manley's creditors.
 - 6. Fraudulent Payments for Acting or Forbearing to Act in Manley's Bankruptcy Case 18 U.S.C. § 152(6)
- 862. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(6) by knowingly and fraudulently making payments or causing payments to be made to Manley's Liquidators, their lawyers and various creditors to act or not to act in Manley's bankruptcy case.
- 863. Those RICO Defendants did not intend for Manley's bankruptcy case to allow an orderly marshaling of assets and winding up of affairs.

- 864. Rather, those RICO Defendants funded or caused to be funded the bankruptcy case for the fraudulent purpose of preventing independent creditors from seeking Manley assets or asserting claims based on Manley's alter-ego relationships with other companies or individuals while members of the SLB Enterprise continued to take Manley assets out of the U.S.
- Manley's Liquidators and their lawyers funded all actions taken by those professionals in Manley's bankruptcy case, including filing the initial chapter 15 recognition petition that triggered the bankruptcy stay, blocking Aviva's efforts to take discovery and to compel Toy Quest Ltd. to comply with the bankruptcy stay, and opposing Aviva's request for stay relief to allow independent creditors to assert alter ego or fraudulent transfer claims.
- 866. At the same time, payments by Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies to various creditors with whom the SLB Companies have ongoing business relationships caused independent creditors not to assert rights they otherwise might have asserted in the chapter 15 case.
- 867. Toy Quest Ltd. paid all professionals (including all lawyers) involved in all sides of the negotiation of the Liquidators' proposed settlement with the SLB Companies. Recipients of such payments included U.S. lawyers representing the Liquidators and the Liquidators themselves, who have received virtually no compensation for their efforts over the past three years from anyone other than Toy Quest Ltd.
- 868. Toy Quest Ltd. paid all professionals involved in responding to and evaluating Aviva's proof of claim, even though the proof of claim includes many

allegations against multiple SLB Companies, including not only Manley but also Toy Quest Ltd. and other SLB Companies. The primary points of contact for Aviva with respect to its proof of claim against Manley has been the Liquidators' U.S. counsel in the chapter 15 case.

- 869. Toy Quest Ltd. paid the Liquidators to, among other things, refuse to turn over Manley documents, object to creditors' requests to obtain those documents, and attempt to destroy those documents.
 - 7. Fraudulent Transfer and Concealment of Property 18 U.S.C. § 152(7)
- 870. Each RICO Defendant repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(7) by knowingly and fraudulently transferring and concealing Manley's property, including its receivables, physical assets, and books and records, in contemplation of Manley's bankruptcy case.
- 871. As described above, each RICO Defendant played a part in knowingly and fraudulently transferring and concealing millions of dollars of Manley's accounts receivable owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest" name.
- 872. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants sent or caused to be sent fraudulent communications to retailers to transfer and conceal Manley's property, including communications falsely stating that the retailers were doing business with Toy Quest Ltd. and invoices demanding payment to Toy Quest Ltd. of money actually owed to Manley.

- 873. Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS helped knowingly and fraudulently conceal Manley's property by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution of the SLB Products associated with those invoices.
- 874. Wu and Dollar Empire conducted dozens of transactions in the months leading up to and following the filing of Manley's bankruptcy case that helped the SLB Enterprise conceal millions of dollars of Manley assets. (See Exhibits F & I to Aviva's Complaint.)
- 875. Since Manley's bankruptcy case was filed, all of these fraudulent communications resulted in the transfer of millions of dollars of Manley assets out of the U.S., in violation of the bankruptcy stay. Toy Quest Ltd., for example, improperly has taken more than \$7 million of Manley's money, including millions of dollars owed to Manley by Dollar Empire, all in violation of the bankruptcy stay, and all facilitated by the fraudulent communications of the RICO Defendants.
- 876. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants accepted or caused Toy Quest Ltd. to accept money and other assets that they knew belonged to Manley.
- 877. Banzai International also fraudulently received Manley assets through its purchase of purported Toy Quest Ltd. assets.
- 878. In addition, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and

possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly and fraudulently transferred and concealed a substantial portion of Manley's books and records.

- 879. All of these actions were taken in contemplation of Manley's bankruptcy case, to drain Manley of assets prior to the filing of the chapter 15 recognition petition, mislead Manley's liquidators and the court, and make it more difficult for creditors to trace or seize Manley's assets.
 - 8. Fraudulently Concealment and Withholding of Recorded Information 18 U.S.C. § 152(8) and (9)
- 880. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 152(8) and (9) by knowingly and fraudulently concealing, falsifying, and withholding recorded information relating to Manley's property and financial affairs after Manley's bankruptcy case was filed.
- 881. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants knowingly and fraudulently concealed and withheld from the Liquidators a substantial portion of Manley's books and records, including all of Manley's emails; documents related to bank loans made to Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and other SLB Companies; and all of Manley's books and records in California and Iowa.
- 882. Defendants concealed Manley's books and records by transferring them to Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane, and then by transferring them again from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International.

- 883. As described above, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants also falsified the sales and financial records of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and likely other SLB Companies in an effort to make it appear that Manley had no assets.
- 884. Based on these falsified records, the Liquidators incorrectly concluded that Manley had conducted little to no business in the United States in recent years and had less than \$100,000 in realizable U.S. assets.
- 885. Moreover, because the records reflecting the true state of Manley's assets and financial affairs had been withheld from the Liquidators, the Liquidators purportedly did not know that Manley had been operating as "Toy Quest Ltd." until the week before Manley's liquidation filing and failed to identify as Manley assets the millions of dollars that retailers owed to Manley for sales it made using its "Toy Quest Ltd." name.
- 886. The Liquidators passed on much of the false or incomplete information they received to the Bankruptcy Court, which recognized the Hong Kong proceedings based in part on information that went from Defendants to the Liquidators to the Bankruptcy Court.

C. Money Laundering – 18 U.S.C. § 1956 and 18 U.S.C. § 1957

887. Each of the RICO Defendants repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 1956 by conducting or attempting to conduct, or causing others to conduct or attempt to conduct, financial transactions involving property that they knew represented the proceeds of specified unlawful activity. Such financial transactions were intended to promote the

carrying on of the specified unlawful activity and/or were designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of proceeds of specified unlawful activity.

- 888. Each of the RICO Defendants also repeatedly violated 18 U.S.C. § 1957 by knowingly engaging or attempting to engage in a monetary transaction involving property derived from specified unlawful activity valued at more than \$10,000.
- 889. The specified unlawful activity in question includes the wire fraud and bankruptcy crimes detailed above, as well as customs fraud pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 542:
- a) Since at least 2013, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Dollar Empire, and Wu have imported or attempted to import SLB Products into the U.S., or caused others to import or attempt to import SLB Products into the U.S., by means of fraudulent and false invoices, customs documents, and other papers, and by means of false written or verbal statements.
- b) From at least 2014 to 2015, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu,
 Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly
 other RICO Defendants falsely designated or caused to be falsely designated MTD on
 customs documents as the consignee or importer of record for SLB Products. That false
 designation concealed from customs officials and creditors the retailers that actually
 received the goods, meaning that creditors were not aware that money owed by those
 retailers was available to be garnished.

- c) Subsequently, from 2016 to at least 2018, the RICO Defendants switched the sham designee from MTD to Dollar Empire. In that time period, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar Empire falsely identified Dollar Empire, or caused Dollar Empire to be falsely identified, on customs documents as the consignee or importer of record for SLB Products. (See Exhibit L to Aviva's Complaint.)
- d) These false statements not only concealed from customs officials and creditors the ultimate destination of the goods, thereby thwarting garnishment actions involving the retailers who actually received the goods, but also concealed from Aviva and the Iowa Claimants that SLB Products were flowing through Iowa as well as any payments made to the Iowa Judgment Debtors in connection with the shipments.
- e) In addition, the purchase prices reported to U.S. Customs in connection with the sham Dollar Empire shipments—which determined the fees and duties charged upon entry of those shipments into the U.S.—were far below the actual purchase prices paid by retailers for the products in those shipments, meaning that Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, Wu, and Dollar Empire defrauded the U.S. government by paying lower fees and/or duties than they would have if they had reported the correct purchase prices.
- f) All of the false statements described above were material not only to judgment creditors but also to U.S. Customs in that the SLB Products likely would not

have been admitted into the United States if customs officials had known that the customs documents contained false information, especially false information that resulted in the U.S. government being fraudulently deprived of fees and/or duties due to it.

- g) Another variant of the RICO Defendants' customs fraud was to misrepresent on shipping documents that Toy Quest Ltd. had sold certain products, when the products actually were sold by another SLB Company such as Manley or MTD. Those false statements caused retailers to pay money to Toy Quest Ltd. that really was owed to Manley, MTD, or another SLB Companies.
- h) Specifically, from 2013 until at least 2016, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants shipped SLB Products to retailers accompanied by invoices and other documents falsely claiming that Toy Quest Ltd. was the seller of the goods when in fact the seller was Manley, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, or another SLB Company. (See Exhibits A-E, I-K to Aviva's Complaint.)
- 890. The millions of dollars of revenue generated from the sale of SLB Products constitutes the proceeds of the wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, and customs fraud described above, because the revenue is derived from or obtained or retained, directly or indirectly, through that unlawful activity.
- 891. All of the RICO Defendants have laundered that revenue by conducting or attempting to conduct, or causing others to conduct or attempt to conduct, multiple financial transactions involving the revenue, usually involving amounts well over

- \$10,000. Each of the financial transactions occurred in whole or in part in the United States and/or was committed by one or more United States persons, as that term is defined by 18 U.S.C. § 3077(2).
- 892. Exhibits F-H to Aviva's Complaint, for example, identify dozens of payments totaling many millions of dollars made by retailers in the United States—including Dollar Empire—to Toy Quest Ltd. in Hong Kong, when the payments should have been made to Manley.
- 893. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Wu, Dollar Empire, and possibly other RICO Defendants caused these payments to be made.
- 894. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Toth, and possibly other RICO Defendants also laundered the proceeds of their illegal activity by sending money or causing money to be sent from Hong Kong back to the United States.
- 895. That money was used to fund the operations of Aquawood, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS in the United States, which were integral to the RICO Defendants' fraudulent scheme.
- 896. The money also was used to pay attorneys in the United States, including Novack, RRB, Archer & Greiner, and Goodwin Procter, who filed pleadings, motions, declarations, and other papers across the country to prevent Aviva and other judgment creditors from enforcing their judgments, so that the RICO Defendants could proceed with their fraudulent scheme.

- 897. Each transaction described above was a "monetary transaction" because it involved the deposit, withdrawal, transfer, or exchange, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of funds or a monetary instrument by, through, or to a financial institution.
- 898. Each transaction involved the proceeds of wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, and/or customs fraud.
- 899. The purpose of all of the financial transactions described above was to promote the carrying on of further wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, and/or customs fraud by (a) ensuring that the SLB Enterprise continued to do business in the United States, and (b) helping the SLB Enterprise avoid paying judgments.
- 900. The transactions also served to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the millions of dollars of revenue generated from the sale of SLB Products.

D. Obstruction of Justice – 18 U.S.C. §1512(c)

- 901. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Wu, Dollar Empire, and possibly other RICO Defendants altered, destroyed, mutilated, or concealed documents with the intent to impair the document's integrity or availability for use in an official proceeding, or caused others to do so.
- 902. The same RICO Defendants likewise obstructed, influenced, and impeded an official proceeding.

- 903. Aviva has alleged concealment of documents and obstruction in connection with multiple official proceedings.
- 904. One official proceeding is the federal lawsuit in Minnesota in which Aviva obtained a judgment. In connection with that lawsuit, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and possibly other RICO Defendants took and concealed documents subject to a post-judgment order to produce them to Aviva.
- 905. Also in that lawsuit, Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Park Lane, and possibly other RICO Defendants orchestrated the sham intervention of Jun Tai and Winning, which allowed those RICO Defendants to circumvent potentially catastrophic injunctive sanctions banning imports of SLB Products by causing the chapter 15 bankruptcy case to be initiated. That sham intervention interfered with the litigation and the authority of the court.
- 906. Another official proceeding is Manley's bankruptcy case. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, MGS, and possibly other RICO Defendants hid and manipulated Manley's books and records to mislead Manley's liquidators, creditors, and courts. Toy Quest Ltd. also paid the Liquidators to, among other things, refuse to turn over Manley documents, object to creditors' requests to obtain those documents, and attempt to destroy those documents.
- 907. Another official proceeding is the case in the Central District of California in which Wu submitted false statements about Dollar Empire's consignment relationship

with Banzai International. Wu and Dollar Empire impeded that proceeding by first representing that Dollar Empire possessed relevant import records, and then, when ordered to produce such documents, abruptly denying that Dollar Empire had any. A reasonable inference is that the import records existed, but were destroyed or concealed.

RICO Injury

- 908. As a direct and proximate result of the RICO Defendants' racketeering activities and violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), Aviva has been injured in its property in that it has been unable to collect on its judgment against Manley.
- 909. As a result of Defendants' crimes and hiding of information, Aviva still lacks sufficient information to describe in detail precisely which assets were hidden from Aviva, when they were hidden, and how they were hidden.
- 910. The RICO Defendants also are liable for certain post-judgment fees and expenses due to attorney time and related costs that would not have been necessary absent the RICO Defendants' crimes.
- 911. In this lawsuit, Aviva is not seeking damages for the Lanham Act violations that resulted in its judgment. Nor is Aviva seeking damages for the attorneys' fees and other litigation expenses it incurred to obtain its judgment.
- 912. Aviva did not discover, and could not reasonably have discovered, that it had suffered a RICO injury until less than four years before the filing of its Complaint.
- 913. The RICO Defendants prevented Aviva from discovering its RICO injury by fraudulently concealing documents and information, despite Aviva's diligent efforts to obtain such documents and information.

COUNT V: RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(D)

(Against the RICO Defendants)

- 914. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.
- 915. All of the RICO Defendants have agreed and conspired to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
- 916. While Aviva contends that all of the RICO Defendants themselves committed two or more predicate acts, if any RICO Defendant did not commit two or more predicate acts, that RICO Defendant is still liable as a co-conspirator for the damage caused by the SLB Enterprise.
- 917. The RICO Defendants have intentionally conspired and agreed that they and/or other RICO Defendants would conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the SLB Enterprise through the pattern of racketeering activity described above.
- 918. Many of the RICO Defendants—Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Aquawood, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, Wu, and Dollar Empire—have been associated with the SLB Enterprise and one another for a decade or more. The other RICO Defendants—Banzai International, Park Lane, and MGS—have been associated with the SLB Enterprise since at least 2016, and were created to replace some of the other RICO Defendants or other SLB Companies as part of the RICO Defendants' corporate shell game.

- 919. As detailed above, each of the RICO Defendants also knowingly engaged in and/or facilitated coordinated criminal activities, including wire fraud, bankruptcy crimes, customs fraud, and money laundering.
- 920. Each of the RICO Defendants knew that the RICO Defendants' own predicate acts and the predicate acts of other RICO Defendants were part of a pattern of racketeering activity, and agreed to the commission of those acts to further the scheme described above.
- 921. The RICO Defendants orchestrated such criminal activities to conceal assets of multiple judgment debtors from multiple judgment creditors, thereby benefiting Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, and their surviving companies and staying "one step ahead" of Aviva and other judgment creditors.
- 922. That conduct constitutes a conspiracy to violate 18 U.S.C § 1962(c), in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d).
- 923. As a direct and proximate result of the RICO Defendants' conspiracy, the overt acts taken in furtherance of that conspiracy, and violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), Aviva has been injured in its property in that it has been unable to collect on its judgment against Manley. Aviva's damages as a result of the RICO Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) are substantially the same as its damages as a result of the RICO Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).

COUNT VI: ALTER EGO

(Against the Alter Ego Defendants)

- 924. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs, and alleges as follows against the Principals, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, the Iowa Entities, Manley, and the Liquidators (collectively, the "Alter Ego Defendants"):
- 925. Aviva seeks declarations against the Alter Ego Defendants named above that:
 - a. Manley is an alter ego of the Principals;
 - b. Manley is an alter ego of the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities;
 - c. The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter egos of the Principals;
 - d. The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter egos of one another;
 - e. For purposes of enforcing judgments against the Alter Ego

 Defendants, Aviva is entitled to piercing of any corporate veils separating Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities from one another and from the Principals; and
 - f. Aviva may enforce its judgments against the Alter Ego Defendants as judgment debtors.

- 926. The Principals have dominated, influenced, and controlled Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, as well as affiliates such as Toy Warehouse and Toy Box.
- 927. The Principals generally treat the assets of the SLB Companies as their own.
- 928. The Alter Ego Defendants move assets among themselves with little or no regard for which entity formally owns which assets.
- 929. Assets belonging to Manley became assets of Toy Quest Ltd. without any formal transfer of the assets and without Manley being paid for them, and those assets then became assets of Banzai International pursuant to a non-arms' length sale agreement.
- 930. As shown by the fact that the SLB Companies come and go without any significant negative impact on the SLB Enterprise's business, Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities generally function as mere shells that serve no legitimate business purposes and are used primarily as intermediaries to impair judgment enforcement, perpetrate fraud, and promote injustice and fundamental unfairness.
- 931. As Dubinsky confessed, the Defendants invoke corporate formalities to stay "one step ahead" of judgment creditors.
- 932. The Alter Ego Defendants and their named and unnamed co-conspirators systematically have abused the corporate form to evade judgments, including specifically the judgment Aviva obtained in the District of Minnesota, and for other illegitimate purposes.

- 933. Manley and other SLB Companies used the trade names "Toy Quest Ltd.," "Toy Quest," and "ToyQuest" to, among other things, confuse business counterparties and creditors.
- 934. Manley and other SLB Companies used the trade name "Banzai" to, among other things, confuse business counterparties and creditors.
- 935. Manley and other SLB Companies used the trade name "Manley Toy Direct" to, among other things, confuse business counterparties and creditors.
- 936. The Alter Ego Defendants have used one another's addresses interchangeably to, among other things, confuse business counterparties and creditors.
- 937. The Alter Ego Defendants have used one another's addresses and identities interchangeably to, among other things, procure insurance that would cover most or all of the Alter Ego Defendants under insurance policies purchased from U.S. and Hong Kong insurers.
- 938. The abuses of the corporate form by the Alter Ego Defendants have been described by multiple courts as games of "corporate entity three card monte."
- 939. This Court already has determined that there is no "meaningful distinction" among Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood.
- 940. For the ultimate benefit of the Principals and at their direction, the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities (a) established the following companies such that the companies were undercapitalized at the outset and/or (b) simply looted the companies, even if they initially were capitalized sufficiently: Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities.

- 941. For the ultimate benefit of the Principals and at their direction, the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities operated and controlled the following companies while failing to observe many corporate formalities, such as maintaining separate books and records: Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities.
- 942. For the ultimate benefit of the Principals and at their direction, the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities operated and controlled the following companies in a manner that resulted in the comingling of many business assets, including good will, product inventory, and the right to receive proceeds from various transactions: Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities. When convenient, traditional rules concerning the separateness of corporate obligations (e.g., contractual obligations to supply particular SLB Products or to repay loans) also were ignored.
- 943. Each of the Principals has misused the corporate form, and in particular abused the purported corporate separateness of Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, to deprive Aviva of its ability to collect judgments.
- 944. Each of the Hong Kong Entities has misused the corporate form, and in particular abused the purported corporate separateness of Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, to deprive Aviva of its ability to collect judgments.
- 945. Manley has misused the corporate form, and in particular the purported corporate separateness of Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities, to deprive Aviva of its ability to collect judgments.

- 946. Manley has not been a separate company whose separateness serves legitimate business purposes. Rather, Manley has done the bidding of its beneficial owners, the Principals. The corporate separateness of Manley has been used to perpetuate fraud and promote injustice and fundamental unfairness.
- 947. Each of Aquawood, the Hong Kong Entities, and the Iowa Entities is not a separate company whose separateness serves legitimate business purposes. Rather, each does the bidding of its beneficial owners, the Principals. The corporate separateness of each of the Hong Kong Entities has been used to perpetuate fraud and promote injustice and fundamental unfairness.
- 948. Aviva did not elect to play the Alter Ego Defendants' shell game and is not a voluntary creditor of Manley or any of the other Defendants. Rather, Aviva became an involuntary judgment creditor because it was injured by misconduct for which Manley was found liable.
- 949. As an involuntary judgment creditor, Aviva has more equities in favor of enforcing the equitable remedy of piercing the corporate veil than would a voluntary judgment creditor in a contract case.
- 950. When Aviva was a competitor of Manley, Aviva had no reason to know that in the future it would become a judgment creditor of Manley. Aviva had no reason to conduct any due diligence on the corporate organization and capitalization of Manley, to obtain guarantees from other persons or entities, or collateralize any debt or promise, because Aviva did not know that it would later be damaged by a Lanham Act violation.

- 951. Unlike a voluntary creditor with a breach-of-contract judgment, Aviva had no reason to know that Manley might be undercapitalized or later looted and therefore unable to pay judgments in the future, and Aviva had no ability to protect itself from the Alter Ego Defendants' abuses of the corporate form.
- 952. The Principals, Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities have such unity of interest and ownership that the individuality of the corporations and their owners have ceased and the facts demonstrate that observance of the fiction of separate existence would, under the circumstances of this case, promote an injustice and fundamental unfairness. The Principals, Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are functioning as a single entity.
- 953. In some instances, the Principals and their co-conspirators have purported to establish multiple corporate layers within the structure of their business. This has been done not for legitimate business purposes but to try to hide the Principals' dominant roles, hide the true economic and practical relationships among the individuals and entities, and make it more difficult to collect judgments against disposable entities.
- 954. Similarly, for many SLB Companies, the Alter Ego Defendants have hidden the Principals' dominant roles and the Principals' status as beneficial owners by using corporate fronts. Again, this has been done not for legitimate business purposes but to try to obfuscate the true economic and practical relationships among the individuals and entities and to make it more difficult to collect judgments against disposable entities.

- 955. Aviva is entitled to the declaratory relief requested against the Alter Ego Defendants under applicable common law based on the equitable powers of courts in Minnesota to secure complete justice.
- 956. To the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.

COUNT VII: FRAUDULENT TRANSFER

(Against the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants)

- 957. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs and alleges as follows against the Principals, the Executives, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, Wellmax, the Iowa Entities, Dollar Empire, Manley, and the Liquidators (collectively, the "Fraudulent Transfer Defendants"):
- 958. To evade Aviva's judgments, the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants have made or caused to be made a massive number of fraudulent transfers to divert assets away from Manley to the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood and, ultimately, the Principals.
- 959. Each of those fraudulent transfers was made or caused to be made with the actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud Aviva after it became a judgment creditor of Manley and MTD.
- 960. As described in more detail below, each of those fraudulent transfers bears multiple badges of fraud.
- 961. None of the fraudulent transfers was made in good faith or for a reasonably equivalent value.
- 962. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood played their corporate shell game fraudulently to transfer Manley's and MTD's business relationships, good will, product inventory, intellectual property, rights to receive proceeds from various transactions, employees, documents, and other assets to Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane.

- 963. Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood accomplished this goal by drastically reducing Manley's use of its own name, abruptly shifting almost exclusively to the trade name "Toy Quest Ltd."
- 964. The company Toy Quest Ltd. then started demanding and collecting payment of money that was actually owed to Manley using its "Toy Quest Ltd." trade name.
- 965. Meanwhile, Park Lane and Toy Quest Ltd. drained Manley of its other resources and took possession of Manley's documents, thereby keeping those resources and documents away from Aviva.
- 966. In 2016, when Manley was facing import sanctions in this Court, the Principals ultimately liquidated Manley and began doing business with Toy Quest Ltd.
 - 967. There is no purchase agreement between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.
- 968. Toy Quest Ltd. and Park Lane never paid for Manley's business assets, including business relationships, good will, product inventory, intellectual property, rights to receive proceeds from various transactions, employees, documents, and other assets
- 969. To lay the groundwork for the fraudulent transfers to Toy Quest Ltd., Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood knowingly sent or caused to be sent emails to retailers that made material omissions and misrepresentations about the operations and assets of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.; the relationships between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.; and whether the retailers were conducting business with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.

- 970. Then those same Defendants knowingly sent or caused to be sent electronically invoices to multiple retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed that money to Manley. (See Exhibits A-E, I-K to Aviva's Complaint.) Such invoices were sent both before and after Manley's liquidation.
- 971. In addition, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that furthered and effectuated the fraudulent transfers by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution of the SLB Products associated with the fraudulent invoices.
- 972. While Aviva is aware of dozens of such invoices, there are likely hundreds or thousands more.
- 973. Retailers, including Big Lots, Dollar General, Michaels, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Target, relied on the fraudulent invoices and other fraudulent communications to make changes to their vendor systems and to pay millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd. that actually were owed to Manley. (See Exhibits G & H to Aviva's Complaint.)
- 974. Each payment to Toy Quest Ltd. as a result of the fraudulent invoices and other fraudulent communications is a fraudulent transfer.
- 975. While Aviva is aware of dozens of such payments, there are likely hundreds or thousands more.

- 976. Moreover, at Wu's direction, Dollar Empire paid more than \$3 million to Toy Quest Ltd. that Wu and Dollar Empire knew was actually owed to Manley. (See Exhibit F to Aviva's Complaint.)
- 977. The fraudulently induced payments to Toy Quest Ltd. in turn allowed Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, and Aquawood to falsify the sales and financial records of Manley, Toy Quest Ltd., Banzai International, Park Lane, Aquawood, and likely other SLB Companies in an effort to make it appear that Manley had no assets.
- 978. The purpose of all of these hundreds of fraudulent transfers was to allow the SLB Enterprise to continue doing business in the United States while evading judgments entered against Manley and concealing documents and information relevant to the enforcement of those judgments.
- 979. In July 2016, the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities continued their corporate shell games by selling Toy Quest Ltd.'s purported assets—comprised primarily of the assets fraudulently transferred from Manley—to Banzai International.
- 980. The Principals and Hong Kong Entities arranged this sale to further disguise and hide Manley assets and make them more difficult for Aviva to trace.
- 981. Toy Quest Ltd. did not receive reasonably equivalent value in the sale, which was for less than \$2 million (US).
- 982. The sale agreement between Toy Quest Ltd. and Banzai International was not an arm's length transaction. While the sale agreement was written to appear legitimate, both the agreement's low purchase price and its recitation of numerous

obviously false representations and warranties make plain that the agreement was a sham and was not the result of a fair negotiation.

- 983. By now, Manley's assets likely have been passed to additional SLB Companies for the purpose of continuing to evade Aviva's judgments.
- 984. All of the intermediate and ultimate fraudulent transfers should be unwound and voided. None of the SLB Companies that are or were the intermediate or ultimate transferees of Manley's assets are good faith transferees.
 - 985. The asset transfers described above bear numerous badges of fraud:
 - a) Virtually all of Manley's assets ended up in the hands of Manley insiders, including the Principals and the Hong Kong Entities.
 - b) The Principals—who dominated, influenced, and controlled Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, and Aquawood and were or are the actual and/or beneficial owners of those companies—retained possession or control of Manley's assets at all times, both before and after the transfers.
 - c) All of the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants went to great lengths to conceal the fraudulent transfers and Manley's assets, by lying to retailers, courts, and creditors; falsifying invoices, customs documents, and financial records; creating false agreements; and hiding documents.
 - d) The fraudulent transfers began shortly before Aviva obtained its \$8.5 million judgment against Aviva and accelerated while Aviva

- actively was attempting to enforce that judgment, obtaining incriminating documents from third parties, and on the brink of obtaining import sanctions from this Court.
- e) The fraudulent transfers from Manley to Toy Quest Ltd. and Park

 Lane were of substantially all of Manley's assets. The fraudulent

 transfers from Toy Quest Ltd. to Banzai International were of

 substantially all of Toy Quest Ltd.'s assets.
- f) Neither Manley nor Toy Quest Ltd. received consideration even remotely equivalent to the value of the assets being transferred. Indeed, Manley was simply looted and received no consideration at all.
- g) Manley was rendered insolvent and entered liquidation shortly after it had been thoroughly looted and its role in the fraudulent transfer scheme was complete.
- 986. Aviva is entitled to recover judgment for the value of all assets fraudulently transferred until its judgment is fully paid.
- 987. To the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.

COUNT VIII: AIDING AND ABETTING FRAUDULENT TRANSFER (Against the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants)

- 988. Aviva re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.
- 989. To the extent that any Fraudulent Transfer Defendant is not a transferor, intermediate transferee, or ultimate transferee of assets that were fraudulently transferred from Manley for the purpose of evading Aviva's judgments, that Fraudulent Transfer Defendant should be held liable for aiding and abetting the fraudulent transfer.
- 990. The fraudulent transfers are torts that caused injury to Aviva, the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants knew that the fraudulent transfers were torts, and the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants substantially assisted or encouraged the fraudulent transfers.
- 991. Even if they did not actually receive any Manley assets, the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants knew that the fraudulent transfers were wrongful, and furthered the fraud through their conduct.
- 992. For example, Toy Quest Ltd., Samson Chan, Alan Chan, Liu, Dubinsky, Magalhaes, Toy Quest Ltd., and Aquawood knowingly sent or caused to be sent emails to retailers that made material omissions and misrepresentations about the operations and assets of Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.; the relationships between Manley and Toy Quest Ltd.; and whether the retailers were conducting business with Manley or Toy Quest Ltd.
- 993. Those same Defendants also knowingly sent or caused to be sent electronically invoices to multiple retailers that contained fraudulent demands to pay

millions of dollars to Toy Quest Ltd., when in fact the retailers owed that money to Manley. (See Exhibits A-E, I-K to Aviva's Complaint.)

- 994. In addition, Toth, MTD, Toy Network, and MGS knowingly sent or caused to be sent hundreds of emails to retailers and others that furthered and effectuated the fraudulent transfers by coordinating the shipping, receiving, processing, and distribution of the SLB Products associated with the fraudulent invoices.
- 995. Moreover, at Wu's direction, Dollar Empire paid more than \$3 million to Toy Quest Ltd. that Wu and Dollar Empire knew was actually owed to Manley.
- 996. Each of the Fraudulent Transfer Defendants should be held liable for the damages that Aviva suffered as a result of the fraudulent transfers.
- 997. To the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Aviva requests that, subject to any applicable stay orders entered by a United States Bankruptcy Court, as such orders may be modified, this Court enter judgment against the Defendants for:

- 1. Damages of not less than \$10 million, in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact;
- 2. Treble damages as provided by law;
- 3. Exemplary or punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact as allowed by law;
- 4. All legal and equitable relief as allowed by law, except as expressly disavowed herein, including *inter alia* injunctive relief, restitution, disgorgement of profits, compensatory and punitive damages, and all damages allowed by law to be paid by the Defendants.
 - a. In particular, Aviva seeks an injunction preventing the Defendants from selling, importing, distributing, or shipping SLB Products into the United States, or causing such products to be sold, imported, distributed, or shipped in the United States, through agents or otherwise; and
 - Aviva seeks an injunction preventing the Defendants from sending money or assets outside the United States or causing money or assets to be sent outside of the United States;
- 5. Declarations against the Alter Ego Defendants named above that:

- a. Manley is an alter ego of the Principals;
- b. Manley is an alter ego of the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities;
- c. The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter egos of the Principals;
- d. The Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities are alter egos of one another;
- e. For purposes of enforcing judgments against the Alter Ego

 Defendants, Aviva is entitled to piercing of any corporate veils separating Manley, the Hong Kong Entities, Aquawood, and the Iowa Entities from one another and from the Principals; and
- f. Aviva may enforce its judgments against the Alter Ego Defendants as judgment debtors.
- 6. A declaration against the Liquidators that to the extent that Aviva obtains relief in this Action against Manley, the Liquidators are subject to such relief in the Liquidators' capacities as liquidators of and successors to Manley.
- 7. Attorneys' fees and costs; and
- 8. Pre- and post-judgment interest, in amounts to be determined.

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY

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